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KAJI
TAKAOMI
MARCO
YAKOU
HIKOICHI
MADA-
RAME
BAKU
CHARACTER
INTRODUCTION
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STORY SO FAR:

THE LABYRINTH GAME BETWEEN BAKU AND YUKIIDE WAS HELD IN THE UNDERGROUND TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. BAKU, WHO DECIPHERED THE WHOLE STORY OF THIS CORRUPTED GAMBLE, IMPRESSIVELY WON THE THIRD ROUND OF THE LABYRINTH ON WHICH HE WAGERED HIS DAYS OF ALIBIS! HE OBTAINED 1.1 BILLION-YEN AND INFORMATION ABOUT AMAKO SEIICHI: THE MAN MANIPULATING THE LABYRINTH FROM BEHIND. BUT AT THAT MOMENT, AMAKO AND MINOWA FROM THE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION OF THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT APPEARED TO TARGET BAKU'S LIFE. HOWEVER, BAKU PREDICTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRISIS ON ENEMY TERRITORY, AND SUMMONED MARCO! BAKU CHALLENGED AMAKO TO ANOTHER KAKEROU GAME IN THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, JUST AS KAJI AND COMPANY WERE ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE CHASING PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION; THE BLACK-EARED DEVIL, CARACAL APPEARED IN FRONT OF THEM TO BLOCK THEIR WAY!!

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YOU...

KUKU...

WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER

WAS DONE BY YOU, RIGHT?

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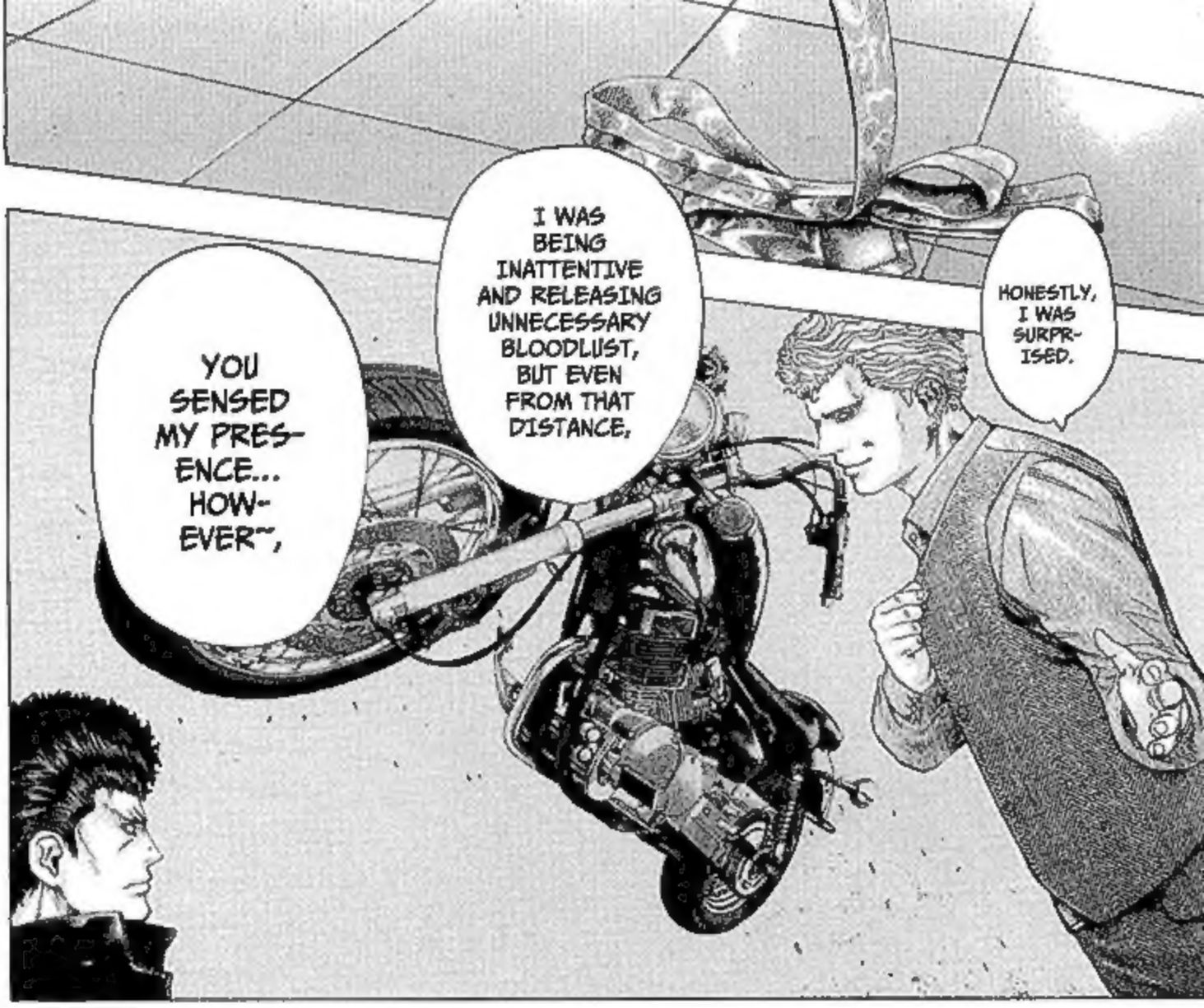

HONESTLY, I WAS SURPR-ISED.
I WAS BEING INATTENTIVE AND RELEASING UNNECESSARY BLOODLUST, BUT EVEN FROM THAT DISTANCE,
YOU SENSED MY PRES-ENCE... HOW-EVER~,

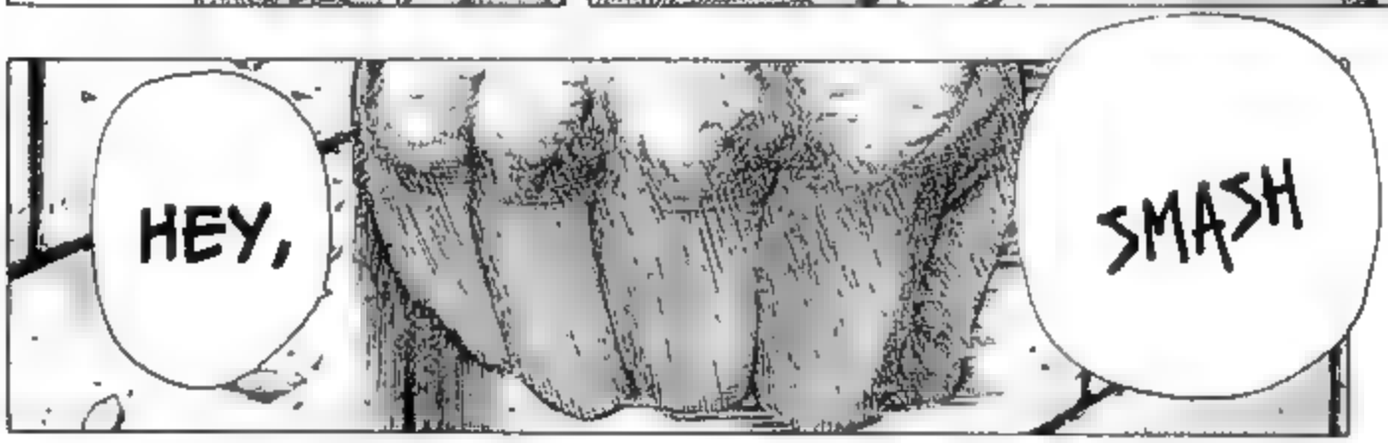
THANKS TO THE SHOCK ABSORBER THAT WAS NEXT TO ME, I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THE CRISIS.
!
.....
BUT... FROM THE DAMNATION THAT WILL BE SET UPON YOU...

YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCAPE.

EXCEL-
LENT.
I
REMEM-
BER NOW.
IDEAL.
YES!!
IT WAS
IDEAL.
!!
YOU, WHO
BETRAYED
OUR TRUST~?
...HMM.
.....
OUR
TRUST, OUR
TRUST...
NOW LET'S
SEE, WAS
IT RUSSIA?
OR NEW
YORK...
NO, NO.
SO,
WHAT
IS IT
AGAIN...?
HAHAH—
DON'T GET
SO MAD,
AND LISTEN
TO ME.
UMMM...
YOU...
IT'S JUST THAT
I HAVE NUMEROUS
BUSINESS COLLEAGUES
IN MANY COUNTRIES,
SO I CAN BE VERY
ABSENT MINDED...
SORRY-
NOW THAT
I THINK ABOUT
IT, THERE
WAS AN
INFERIOR
ORGANIZATION
BY THAT
NAME...

WHAT A PERSON... KARL-SAN.
WH
WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
OH—
THAT'S SO CRUEL OF YOU TO FOR-GET—
HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY SANE IN FRONT OF THIS PERSON...
HE WAS REALLY FRIGHTENED OF HIM, AFTER ALL.
BASED ON THE MOOD WHEN WE FACED THIS PERSON, THE PERSON WHO KARL-SAN FEARED IS PROBABLY HIM...
THEN,
YES.
I WILL MAKE YOU REMEMBER.
AND YET, RIGHT NOW, KARL-SAN HAS AN AIR AROUND HIM THAT DOESN'T REVEAL A SPECK OF THAT WEAKNESS.
THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF A PERSON WHO HAS WALKED THROUGH DARKNESS...
SHAKE
SHAKE
IT'S ADMIRABLE THOUGH IN THE END, IT'S ONLY A BLUFF.

KARL,
YOU'LL SURELY REMEMBER IF YOUR TWO ENT-OURAGES DIE IN MY HANDS...
HUH? ME, TOO? I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EX-PECTED...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HEY,

QUIT TALKING SHIT AND...
...COME HERE ALREADY.

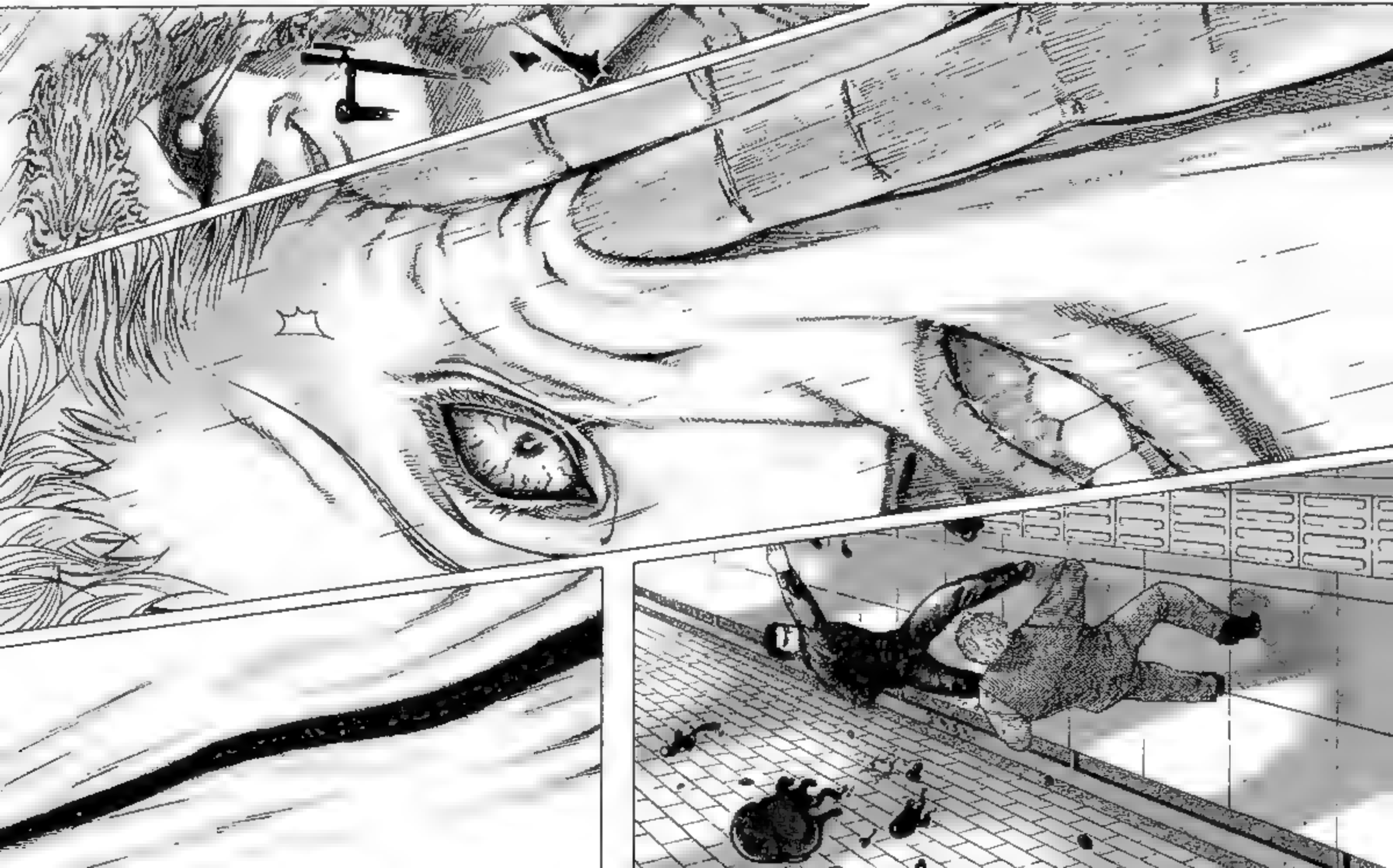
HERE,
YOU WANNA PLAY, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO DES-PAIRING OVER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU FROM NOW ON... IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYONE.
COME.
I'LL PET YOU GENTLY.

I'LL BE THE ONE KILLING,
THIS DAY
WAS THE 256TH DAY,
AND THE OPPONENT WILL BE THE ONE BEING KILLED.

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE WAS A GIMMICK IN SETTING UP IN THOSE LAMPS.
IT'S JUST THAT...
SEVERAL OF THOSE LAMPS WERE REPLACED ON THE SAME DAY.
SINCE THEN MANY LAMPS IN THE TUNNEL WERE INSTAL-LED.
THEY ILLUMINATED THEIR SUR-ROUNDINGS MUCH BRIGHTER THAN USUAL, AND...
256 DAYS AFTER THEY WERE REPLACED... ON THIS DAY,
BAD
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A BATTLE BETWEEN BAD GUYS.
THOSE SEVERAL LAMPS,
THEIR SURROUND-INGS WERE COVERED BY DARK-NESS... THIS MOMENT
IT...
"ZAP"... THEY SILENTLY ENDED THEIR LIVES AFTER THAT.

...COIN-
CIDED
THE
MOMENT
WHEN
THE TWO
BEASTS...
DIE
...BEGAN
TO
MOVE.

PUT
BLOCK
WHOOSH



.....!!
THIS IS BAD. MY MOVES ARE COMPLETELY BEING READ...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? GET SERIOUS.
DRIP DRIP
DRIP
WELL DONE, HEHE...
!!

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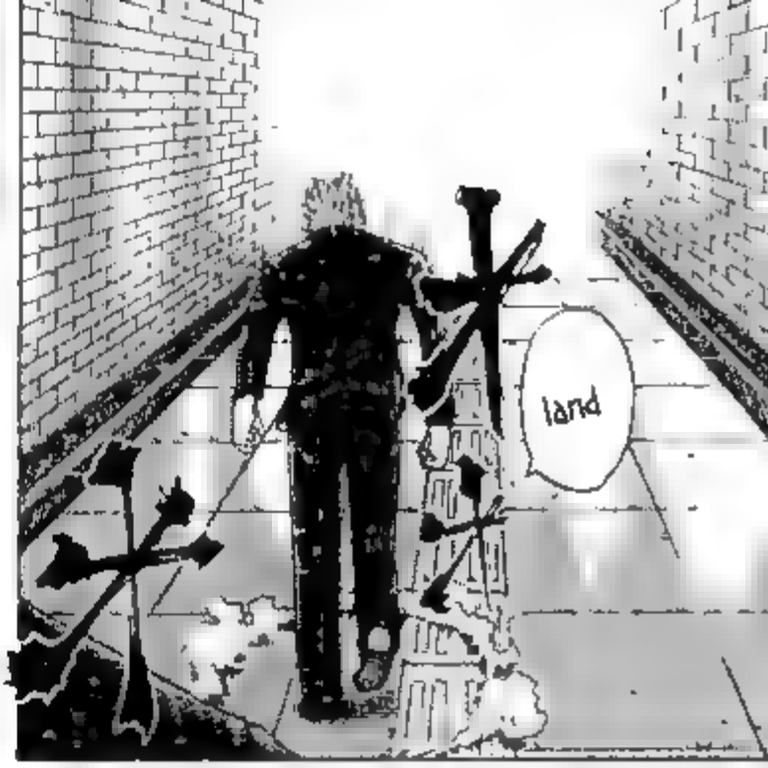
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...FOREVER REMAINS.
...
EVEN AFTER SWEEPING AND SWEEP-ING AND SWEEPING... THE TRASH OF THIS WORLD...

IT'S TIME TO SWEEP.

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Battle Royale

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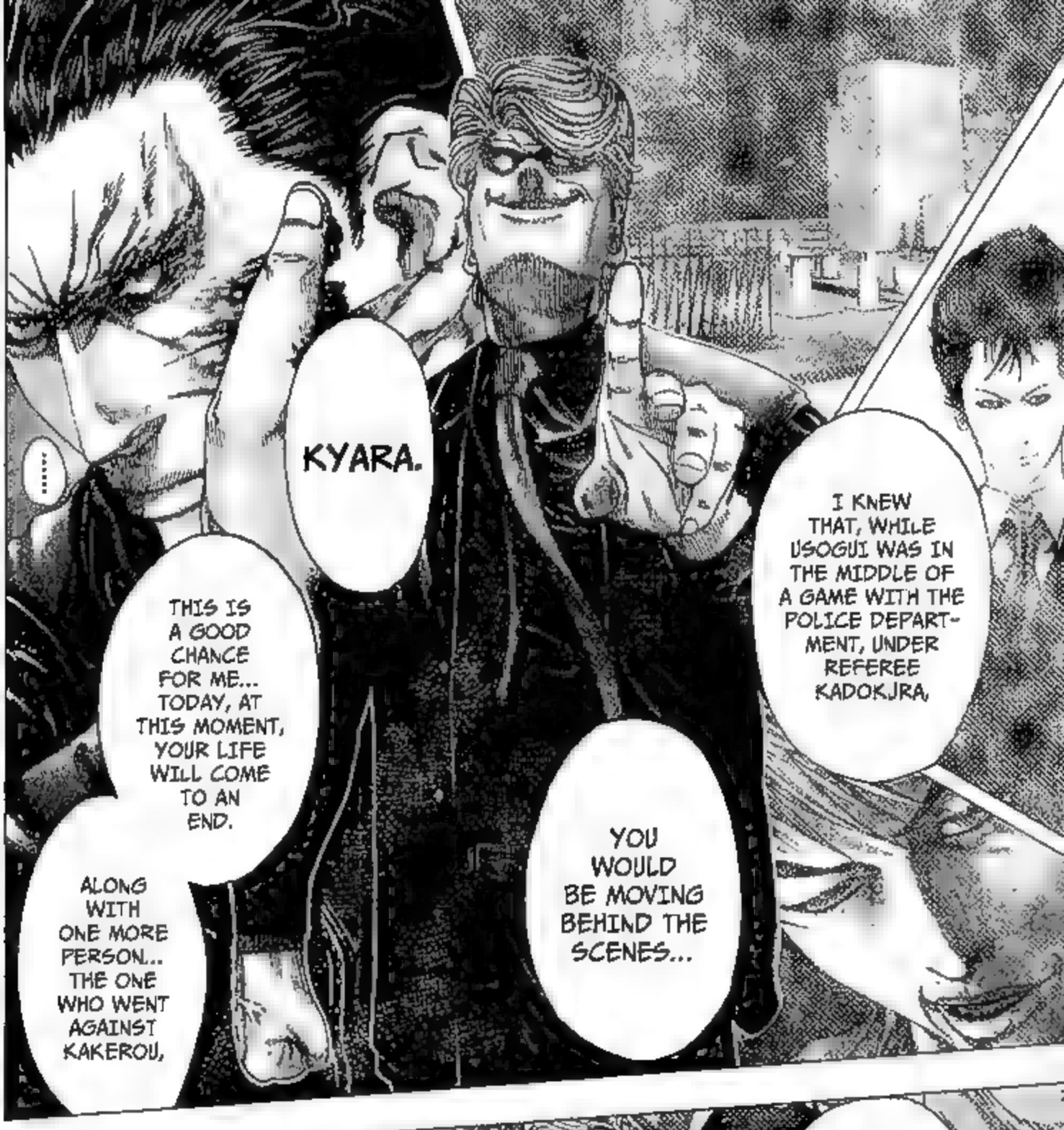
IT'S NOT HIM- THIS PERSON
YA YAKOU-SAN
...IS THE ONE WHO APPEARED AT THE ABANDONED MINE.
IT'S THE VIOLENT YAKOU-SAN...
YAKOU-B.


KYARA.
.....
THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR ME... TODAY, AT THIS MOMENT, YOUR LIFE WILL COME TO AN END.
ALONG WITH ONE MORE PERSON.. THE ONE WHO WENT AGAINST KAKEROU,
YOU WOULD BE MOVING BEHIND THE SCENES...
I KNEW THAT, WHILE USOGUI WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNDER REFEREE KADOKURA,

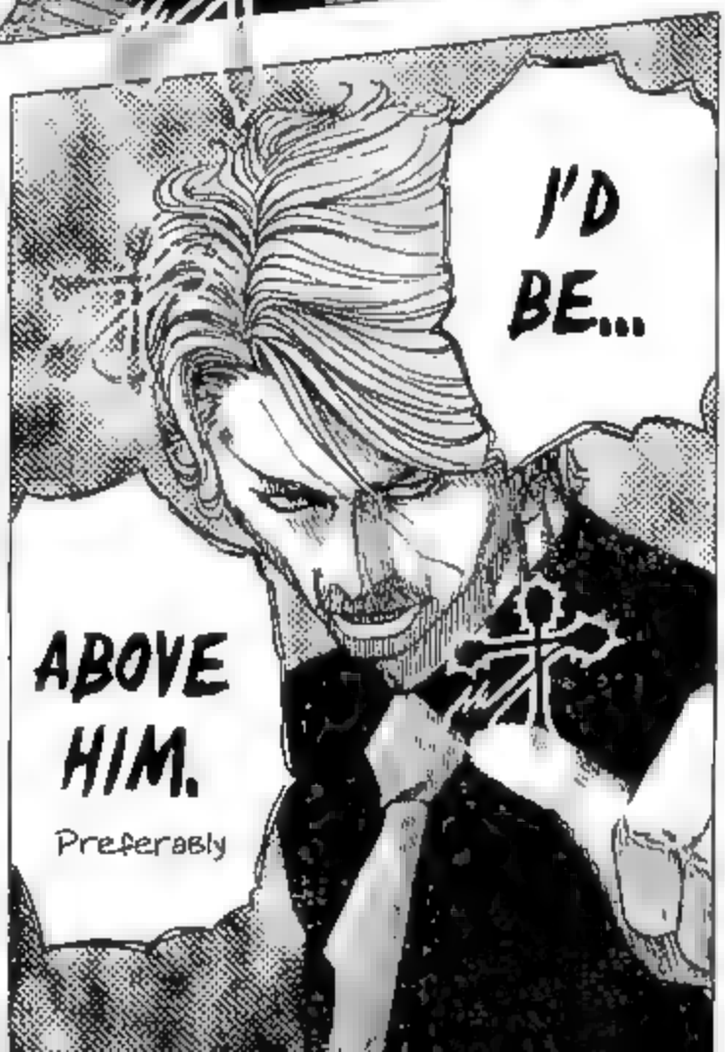
CARACAL... YOU, TOO.
...LONG TIME NO SEE.
.....
USOGUI..
KYARA..

IF I'M NOT MISTA-KEN ..
THAT IS THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO GUARDED KARL AT THE ABANDONED MINE AT FUJI
AFTER KARL ESCAPED ME,
THE NAME OF THE FORMER KAKEROU REFEREE HE CHOSE WAS... KYARA.

PHEW-
HOW TROUBLE-SOME.. YOU'RE ONE PERSISTENT OLD MAN.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET RID OF ME.
LEARN FROM YOUR OLDER BROTHER AND JUST GIVE UP ON ME ALREADY.
YES

I SEE... HE IS USOGUI'S...

.....
IS THAT SO...?


I'D BE...
ABOVE HIM.
Preferably

HEY!!
I DON'T REMEMBER BEING BROTHERS WITH HIM... AND EVEN IF WE WERE,

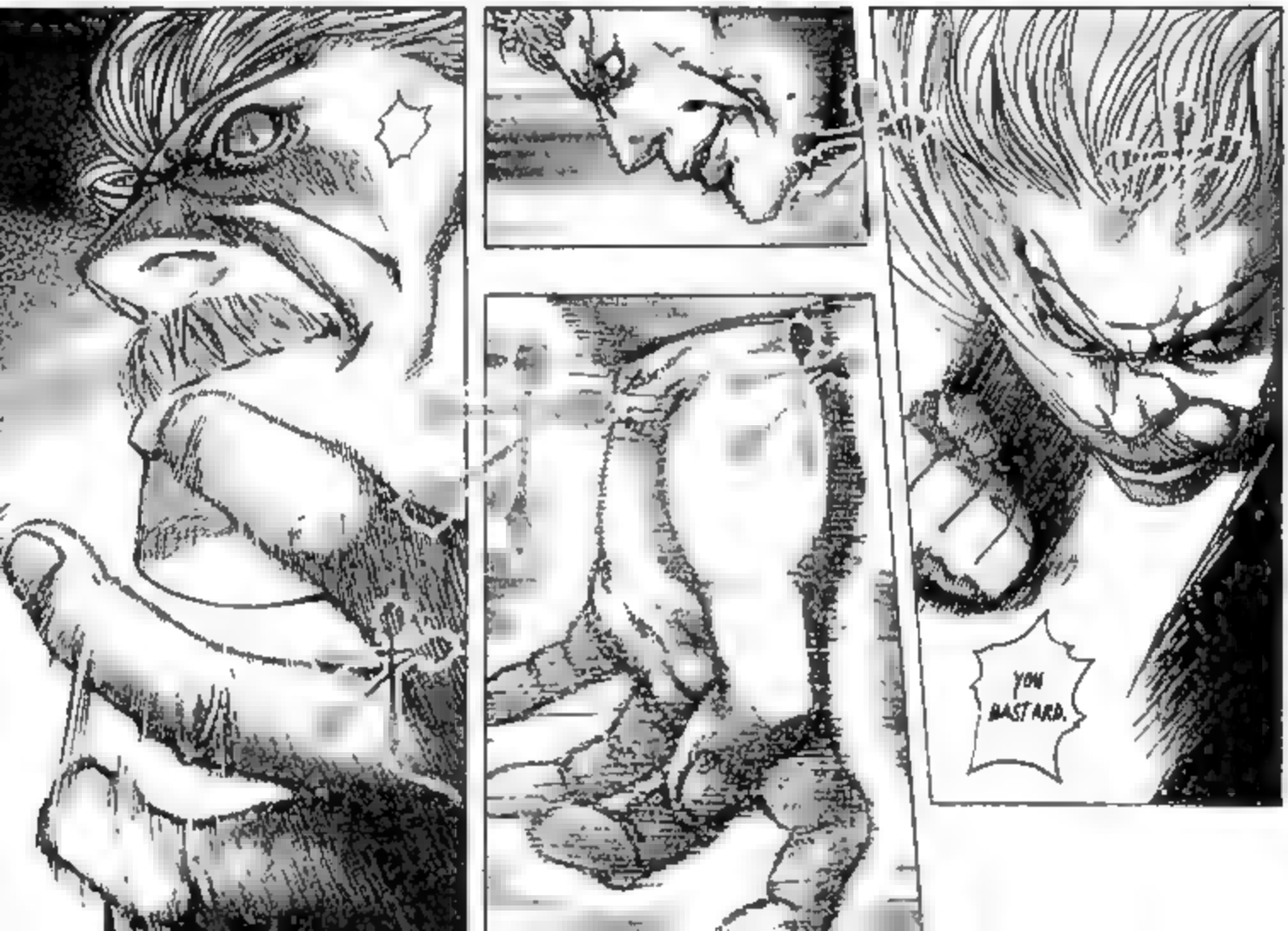
E... EXACTLY..
WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?
NO ALLIES...
THERE ARE ONLY ENEMIES...
AIMING FOR YOU...

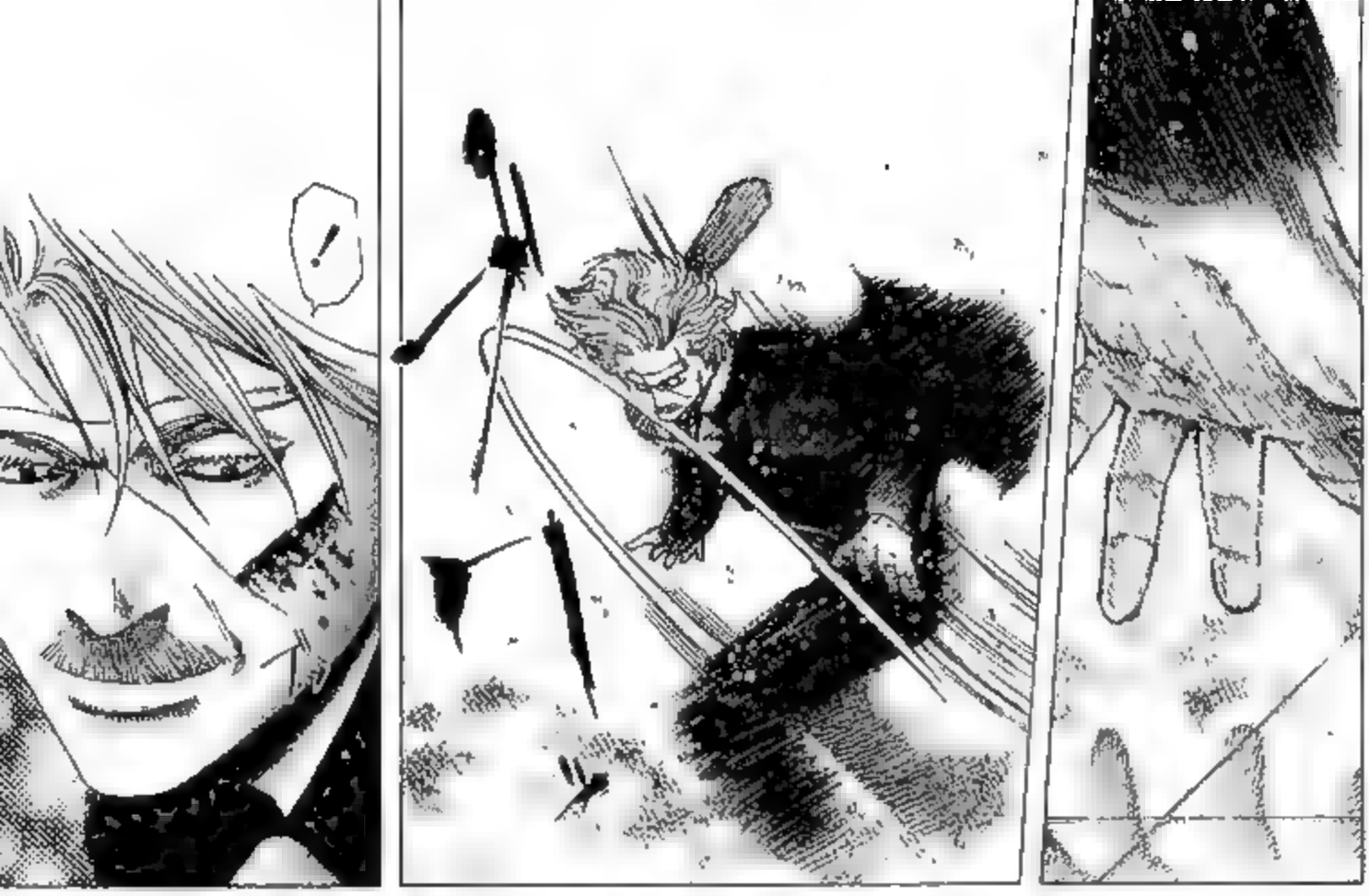
BATTLE
ROYALE

THREE BAD PEOPLE... THIS ATMOSPHERE... WHO WILL WIN?
WILL I SUR-VIVE?

!!

OF COURSE.


YOU BASTARD.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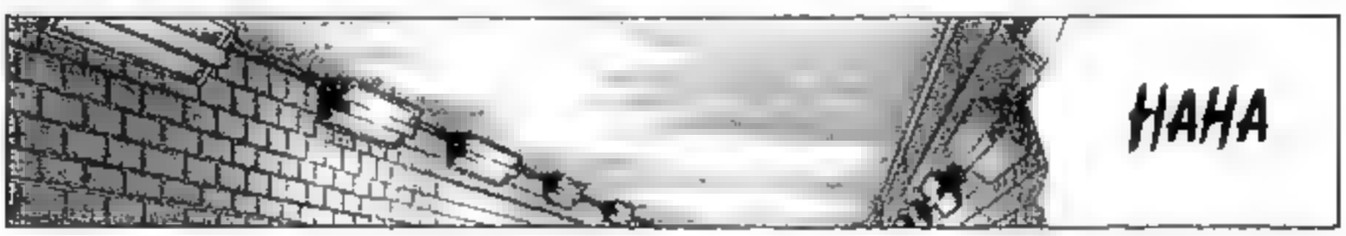

HAHA

YOU COULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME ALONE... FINE THEN, BOTH OF YOU AT ONCE...
YOU KNEW...
IT'S A WISE DECISION...
"OF COURSE" INDEED.
?! WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

WE DIDN'T...
IT'S JUST... THE FACT THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE UNINJURED...

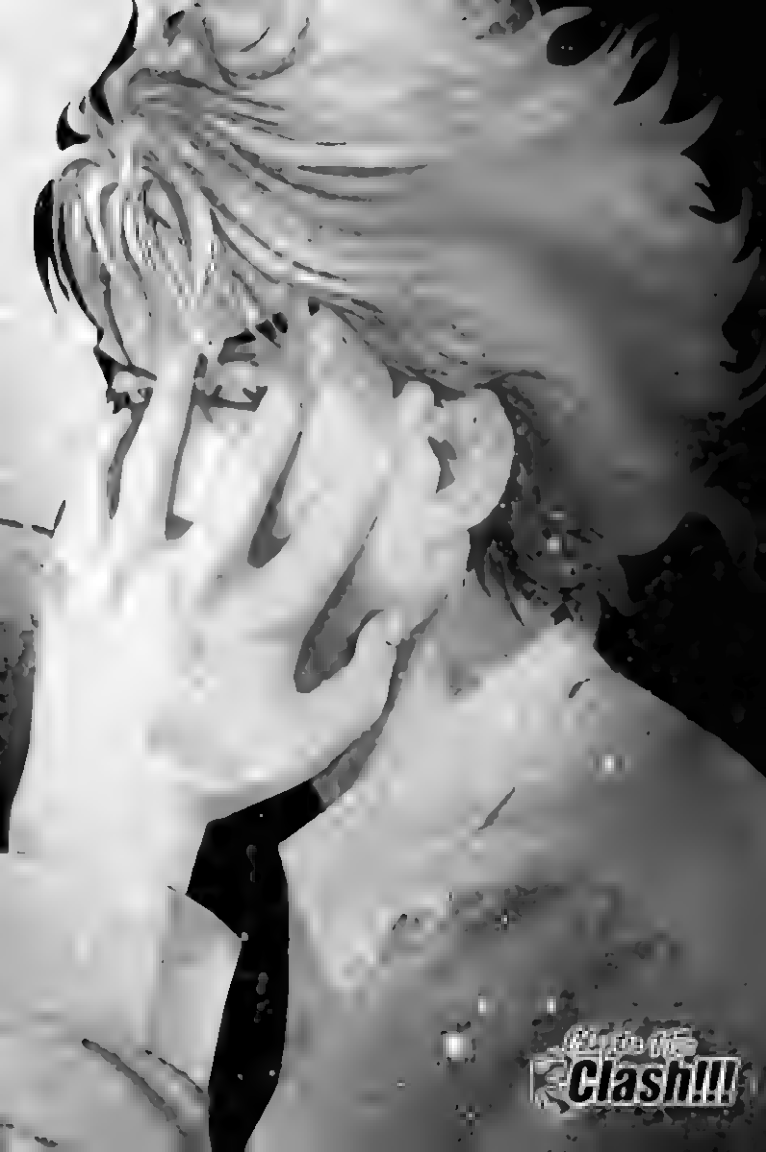
...VERY MUCH.
...LIKE THAT...

GRAB

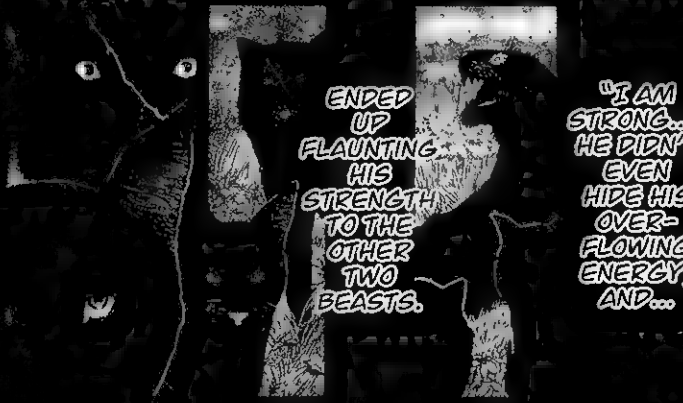
THE BEASTS KNEW, BEHIND ALL THE FRIVOLOUS TALK,

THAT COMING OUT OF THE BATTLE ALIVE WOULDN'T BE EASY.
THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE COULD CAUSE THEIR HEART-BEAT TO STOP.

THE BEASTS THINK.
HMPH
THEN BY A LITTLE... EVEN IF IT'S JUST BY A LITTLE...
!
THE POWERS ARE GETTING HOSTILE.
OF THE STRON-GER ONE.
THEY STOP THE BREA-THING...


Clash!!!

THERE ONCE WAS A STRONG AND BRAVE BEAST...
...INVINCIBLE.
IT WAS...


ENDED UP FLAUNTING HIS STRENGTH TO THE OTHER TWO BEASTS.
"I AM STRONG..." HE DIDN'T EVEN HIDE HIS OVER-FLOWING ENERGY, AND...

TO BE STRONG...
THAT IS NOT...
...

KICK

BOTH OF THEM STARTED CONCENTRATING ON ATTACKING KYARA-SAN...WHAT A MESS.
HOW DIRTY
KAY-KUN LET'S RUN AWAY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
AH... AAAAH...

THE NAME IS UNKNOWN.
IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A MAN WHO WAS SPREADING VIOLENCE THROUGH GANG TERRITORY IN HONG KONG...

KYARA.
AT A YOUNG AGE, HE LEARNED MARTIAL ARTS FROM ALL TIMES AND PLACES, AND WAS AN UNDEFEATED TALENT.
I PRIZED THIS RARE FEROCITY, AND NAMED THIS MAN...

...A REF-EREE.
I HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN THE LEADER'S PERMISSION. AS OF TO-DAY, KYARA-KUN IS...
HE WILL SUCCEED REFEREE #25, SAGITA SOUYA, WHO MET HIS DEATH THE OTHER DAY.
NOW THAT HE IS A REFEREE, A NUMBER HAS TO BE CHOSEN.
AS OF NOW, THERE ISN'T MUCH MEANING TO THESE NUMBERS, BUT IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO FEELS TROUBLED AND DEEMS HIMSELF STRONGER THAN KYARA-KUN...
IF... THERE ARE ANY REFEREES #26 AND UNDER WHO OBJECT TO THIS, COME FORWARD...

"THE NUMBER CHALLENGE" IS INEVITABLE.
IN THIS SITUATION,
COME FORWARD AND GIVE US SOME ENTERTAINMENT WITH A TEST OF STRENGTH.
THOUGH THERE ARE A GREAT NUMBER OF REFEREES WHO AREN'T PRESENT RIGHT NOW... COME ON, DON'T HOLD BACK.
I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THIS...
I DON'T WANT A TEPID NUMBER LIKE #25.
I ALWAYS STAND AT THE TOP...
OR SEIZE IT WITH MY OWN HANDS.
REFEREE NOWA,

COME FORWARD,
REFEREE #0.
REF-EREE #0 MAK-URO SOUJI.

HEY, NO NAME.
I GET THAT YOU'RE ENTHUSI-ASTIC, BUT...
...DON'T GET TOO CONCEITED... YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP
DO YOU WANT EVERYTHING TO GO TO WASTE?
EVEN THE MONEY YOU'VE BEEN PAID SO FAR...
.....
RETIRING SUDDENLY.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS, NOWAM!?
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STICK UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE?
YAKOU.
MEAN-INGLESS DISPUTES ARE A BIG NO-NO.
YOU ARE...
NOT A REFEREE, BUT A SWEEPER.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE COMPET-ING WITH REFEREES.
And use honorifics
HMPH.....
SINCE YOU HAD A SIMILAR FACE, I DID IT SO THAT YOU CAN BE DIFFER-ENTIATED.
BE THANKFUL. HEHEHE.
...FINALLY...
FINALLY...

...KILL YOU.
I CAN...
...AND FOOLISH.
HAHA— YOU ARE STRONG.

THAT IS NOT...
TO BE STRONG...
THAT IS NOT...
ALWAYS THE BEST TRAIT..... HUH..
PUNCH

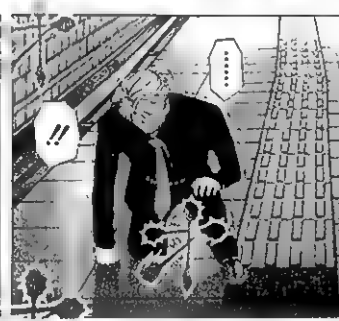
BUT THAT IS...
IF YOU'RE TRULY STRONG,
...ONLY IF YOU'RE TEPIDLY STRONG.

IT IS THE BEST TRAIT!!
.....

THIS GUY...
GUH
UGH
KNOWING THAT HE COULDN'T AVOID IT, HE GRABBED US BOTH AT THE SAME TIME... AND MATCHED HIS TIMING WITH MY ATTACK.
spit
HEY, BLACK-EAR..
THANKS FOR PUTTING MY JAW BACK IN PLACE SO NICELY...

THE TRUE NATURE OF THE BEASTS DRAWS OUT THEIR FANGS...
.....

THEY ARE DRIVEN BY AN UN-QUENC-ABLE URGE.
!
SIMPLY BY WATCH-ING THIS SCENE UNFOLD BEFORE THEM,


.....
!!

...WILL BE THE WEAK-ENED ONE.
.....
THE FIRST TO GO...

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Eternal Pandemonium

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO CHANGE.
UGH.
.....

THIS VACUUM'S BEGIN-NING TO BREAK.

TOWER
click
click

MR. KARL ...
...CAME BY AND SAID THAT HE IS CHANGING HIS BODYGUARD TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOU.
c.tick
c.tick
DID WE...
...THREATEN HIM A BIT TOO MUCH...
...BILLY?

AND THE ONLY THING WE REALLY DID WAS THREATEN HIM. IF WE HAD GONE THROUGH WITH OUR INTENTIONS, THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM.
AT THAT TIME, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT IT.
HAH...
...OF COURSE WE DID.
ANYONE WOULD HATE TO HAVE THE PERSON WHO'S GOING TO DISPOSE OF THEM BY THEIR SIDE.
MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
WHAT MATTERS IS WHETHER THE MISSILES WILL BE LAUNCHED OR NOT.
...SADAKUNI'S GAMBLE DOESN'T MATTER.
REALLY BE ABLE TO WIN THE KAKEROU GAMBLE?
..WILL THE TERRORIST, SADAKUNI, WHO EVEN WENT AS FAR AS GETTING VISUAL RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY,

..JAPAN'S GAMBLING ORGANIZATION, KAKEROU.
WE WILL, WITH OUR HANDS, TAKE OVER...
SHOULD THE MISSILES FAIL TO LAUNCH, WE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE NEXT STAGE.
MAKE GOOD USE OF IT.
AND THE OTHER ONE I WILL ENTRUST TO YOU.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, TWO MEMBER-SHIPS HAVE BEEN PRE-PARED.
IT...
IT'S STARTING TO BECOME MORE DIFFICULT!
!!
I'LL DO THINGS MY WAY...
KAKEROU. HUH-- I DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE A GAMBLING MEMBER-SHIP
ONE WILL BE FOR ME.

OHI
YOU'RE PLAYING THAT GAME AGAIN? THE ONE WHERE THE PIGGY TRIES TO FLY
BUT IT GETS PROGRESSIVELY HARDER, EACH TIME YOU PASS A STAGE AND THE NUMBER OF PIECES DECREASE
IT'S EASY IN THE BEGINNING...
LIFE IS THE SAME.
PEOPLE WHO REPEAT THE SAME STAGE OVER AND OVER WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
BUT TO PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS AIM HIGHER, PLAYING THE GAME MEANS...
...CONTINUING TO FACE EVEN MORE CRISES.
IT'S ETERNAL PANDEMONIUM.
SHIT

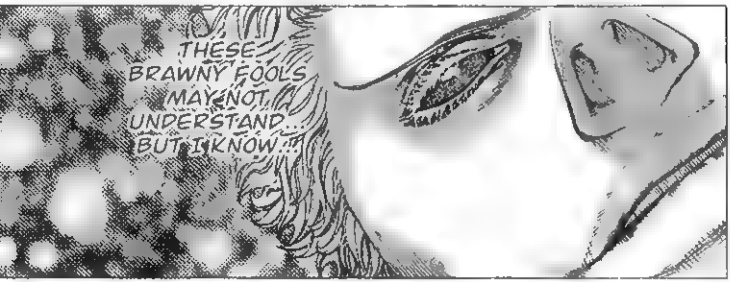
HEY~
.....
PERFECT
SO FAR, YOU HAVE NOT MADE A SINGLE MISTAKE AND HAVE DONE YOUR JOB PERFECTLY FOR ME...
.....
HE SAID SHIT
HOW-EVER, IN MY EXPE-RIENCE, IT'S EXACTLY THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO QUICKLY...
...'GAME OVER' IN A NEW STAGE.

FOR EXAMPLE,
LET'S SAY THAT THE CALAMITY YOU FACE IN A GAME...
...IS A KNIFE. KNIVES ARE THROWN AT THE PLAYER, ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
INDEED YOU BEAUTIFULLY CAUGHT WHAT I THREW AT YOU... BY THE HANDLE OF THE KNIFE...
BUT IF YOU HAD GRASPED THE BLADE, YOUR FINGER WOULD PROBABLY BE GONE BY NOW.
.....
MY POINT IS THIS... IF YOU GRASPED THE BLADE OF THE KNIFE, YOU WOULD HAVE RECEIVED DAMAGE.
BUT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CATCH IT BY THE HANDLE, THEN YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE KNIFE.

THE KNIFE TO PASS THE STAGE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A SHORTER HANDLE AND BE FASTER IN SPEED.
DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, THE HANDLE MAY NOT EVEN BE THERE.
I ALSO HAVE TO BE CAREFUL... SO THAT I DON'T END UP LOSING...
...OR REPLACING THE REMAINING PIECES IN THE GAME.

ALL IN ALL I HAVE ASPED THE MANDIE
THIS STAGE IS CERTAINLY FULL OF STRONG MEN WHO CANNOT BE SURPASSED BY ORDINARY MEANS...
THIS MAN ... EVEN KYARA
AND THIS MAN. HE'S PROBABLY NOT FAKING HIS SITUATION. BUT HE STILL HAS ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT
BY INVITING US TO ATTACK FIRST, LIKE A WOUNDED BEAST, HE'S AIMING TO MAKE AN ATTACK THAT WOULD COST HIS OWN LIFE. I SHOULDN'T MESS AROUND WITH HIM
IRRETEN... TO BE STRONG... HE TOO CALLS BY HIS OWN STRENG... BIG
THE DAMAGE ENGRAVED ON HIS BODY IS BY NO MEANS...

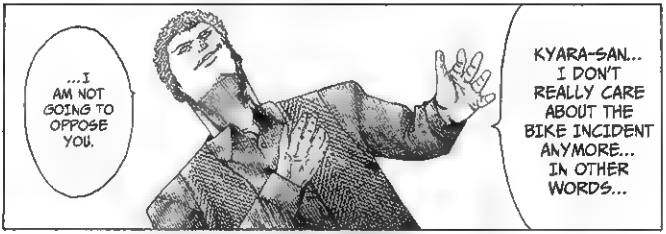
I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF THIS PLACE, SO MY MOVES WON'T BE PREDICTED.
TO AVOID RECEIVING SERIOUS DAMAGE, LIKE I DID EARLIER.


THESE BRAWNY FOOLS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND... BUT I KNOW!!

AND MR. KYARA... NOW THAT I KNOW THAT YOU'RE A COMPANION OF THAT USOGUI!
I JUST HAVE TO...
.....

ALL FURTHER DEVELOPMENT...
...THAT WILL COME, ONE AFTER ANOTHER... IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, SWEEPER.

HEY BLACK-EAR.
I DON'T LIKE IT.
?
OH!
PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY~
MIS-UNDER-STANDING DESU~
FOR THAT GOODY-TWO-SHOES BASTARD TO BE
STAND-ING ALL CUNNINGLY. I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL.


KYARA-SAN... I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THE BIKE INCIDENT ANYMORE... IN OTHER WORDS...
...I AM NOT GOING TO OPPOSE YOU.

AFTER ALL, IT WAS US WHO ORIGINALLY INVITED HIM.

I'LL ALSO STOP AIMING FOR KARL. I SWEAR HE WON'T DIE.
Hmm

NO...
I CHANGED MY MIND AFTER ALL.

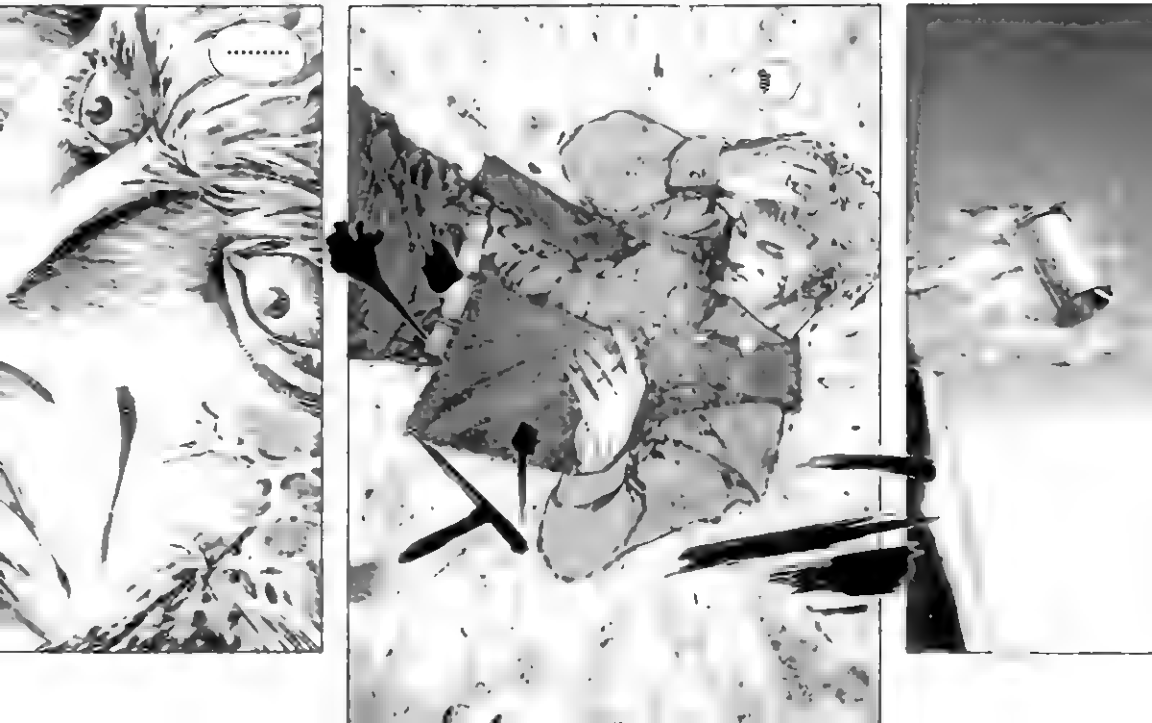
SO RIGHT NOW, BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, THAT OLD MAN WILL...
!!

BASED ON HIS PERSONALITY, I ASSUMED THE OLD MAN WOULD BE ALONE. SEEING HOW NO ONE CAME, I GUESS I WAS RIGHT.
HAHA. I HAD FORGOTTEN. I ALREADY HAVE ALLIES BY MY SIDE.
THAT MEANS THAT THE AUTHORITY OF THIS PLACE IS IN MY HANDS.
step
step

IT'S THAT FOREIGNER.
!!

THERE HE IS, THE MAN ON THE RUN.

.....
THE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVI-SION...
!
.....
YOU PEOPLE ARE...
YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM ME AGAIN? I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN POLICE SUPERINTENDENT AMAKO-SAN THE L-FILE.
YOU PEOPLE BETTER TREAT ME WITH RE-SPECT. I AM PART OF THE U S EM-BASSY...
...WELL IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I'LL ACCOM-PANY YOU PEOPLE.
ARE YOU SUSPECT-ING ME OF COPYING THAT FILE...?
FOR NOW, FAREWELL, KYARA-SAN...
TSK.



NEXT STAGE
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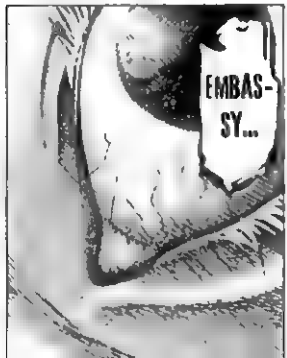
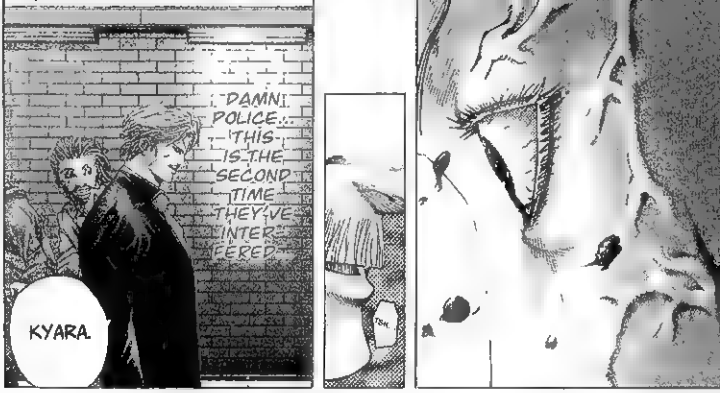
THE TOKYO
SQUAD...

Hey
DO... DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN...?

I AM FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY!
YOU MONKEYS!


EMBASSY...

LET'S RUN!!
IT'S A GUN!
THIS... THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS!


KYARA
DAMN! POLICE... THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THEY'VE INTERFERED...

THIS DIDN'T GO AS I HAD PLANNED ...
YOU ESCAPED YOUR DEATH...
IF YOU'D GOTTEN ANY CLOSER TO ME...
BUT DON'T FORGET, THE NEXT PERSON TO BECOME LIKE THAT IS GOING TO BE YOU.

HEY, WHO ARE THOSE GUYS? ALLIES?
JUST LEAVE THEM. OUR JOB WAS TO DISPOSE OF THE FOREIGNER.
YOU WOULD'VE UNDOUBTEDLY DIED.

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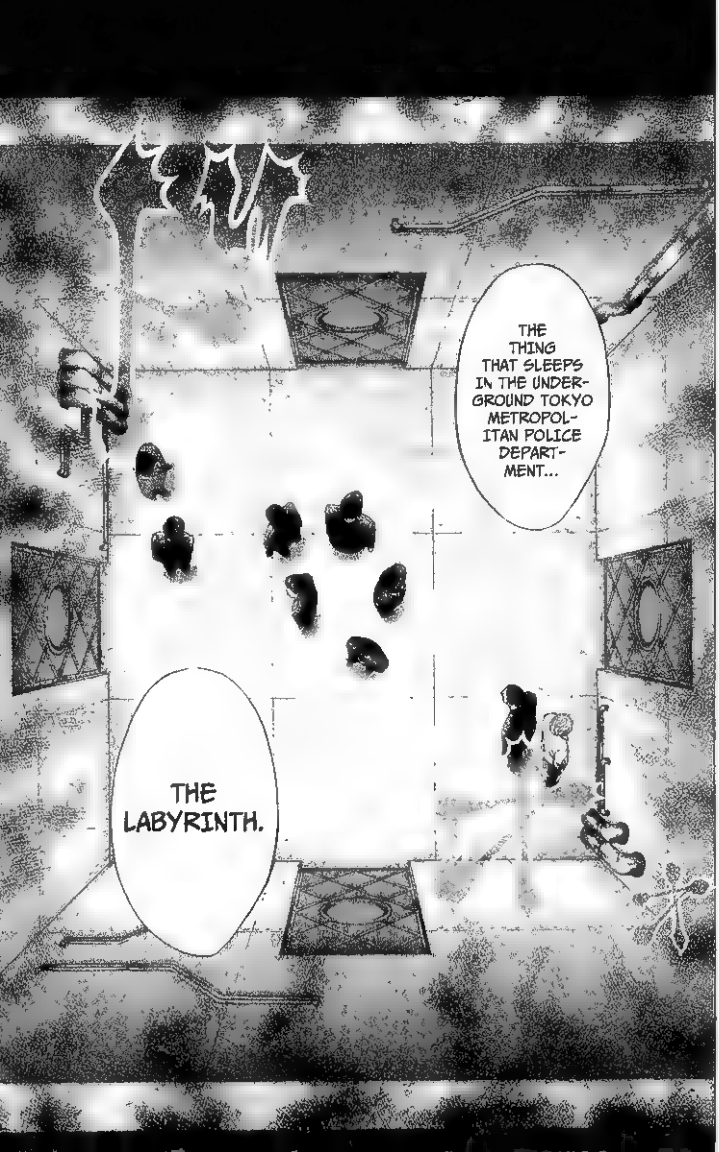
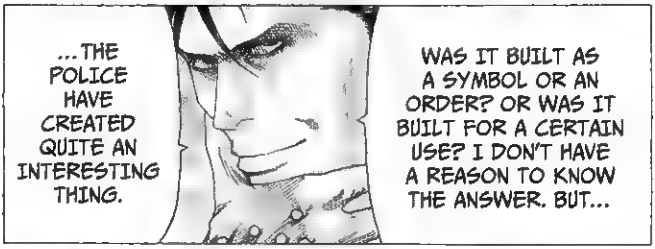
NEXT STAGE

A FEW MINUTES AGO-
IS THIS IT?


THE THING THAT SLEEPS IN THE UNDER-GROUND TOKYO METROPOL-ITAN POLICE DEPART-MENT...
THE LABYRINTH.

HMMM... THERE REALLY IS A FAKE.
TO THINK IT ACTUALLY EXISTS.


WAS IT BUILT AS A SYMBOL OR AN ORDER? OR WAS IT BUILT FOR A CERTAIN USE? I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO KNOW THE ANSWER. BUT...
...THE POLICE HAVE CREATED QUITE AN INTERESTING THING.

IF WE ARE TO USE THIS FACILITY FOR THE NEXT GAME,
...
Ring
...IN ORDER FOR ME TO CORRECTLY DO MY DUTIES AS A REF-EREE,
Ring
Ring

……
…IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLETE STRUCTURE OF THIS PLACE.
WHO KNOWS?
……
WHAT'S THIS PIPE?
…HEY~
…I'D BE VERY THANKFUL IF YOU DON'T INTERFERE WITH MY EXAMINATION.
I'LL BE LEAVING MY MEN WITH YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO QUARREL WHEN I'M NOT HERE, THEN THAT'S YOUR CHOICE. BUT...
WELL, RIGHT NOW, I WILL BE EXAMINING THIS PLACE, INCLUDING THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.
Only listening to Amako-sama won't be enough, after all

YES?
AH
WAS IT MADARAME... BAKU-KUN?

...WHAT I WANT FROM YOU.
...I'LL CONFIRM ONE MORE TIME.. YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW
WE ENDED UP IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, BUT...
YOU ALREADY HAVE 11 BILLION WORTH OF MONEY IN YOUR HANDS. SO IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU WANT EVEN MORE MONEY.
THE QUESTION IS WHAT YOU WANT FROM ME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SO LET US KNOW AT LEAST.
DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU WANT, LIKE A DEMAND THAT WE NEVER LAY A HAND ON YOU AFTER THIS, THEN OUR SIDE MAY BE ABLE TO CONSIDER IT...

!
THE L-FILE.

WHAT I'M GOING TO ROB FROM YOU...
...IS THE L-FILE.

KAJI-KUN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHO ARE YOU MESSAGING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
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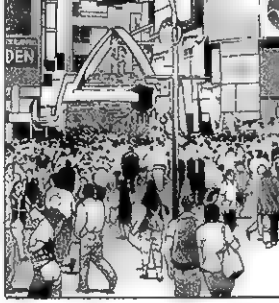
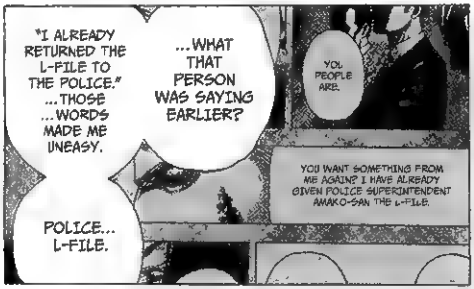
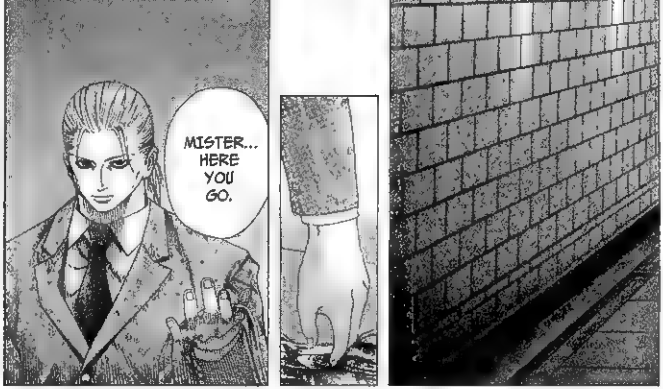



"I ALREADY RETURNED THE L-FILE TO THE POLICE." ...THOSE ...WORDS MADE ME UNEASY.
...WHAT THAT PERSON WAS SAYING EARLIER?
YOU PEOPLE ARE.
YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM ME AGAIN? I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN POLICE SUPERINTENDENT AMAKO-SAN THE L-FILE.
POLICE... L-FILE.

KARL-SAN, DO YOU REMEMBER...

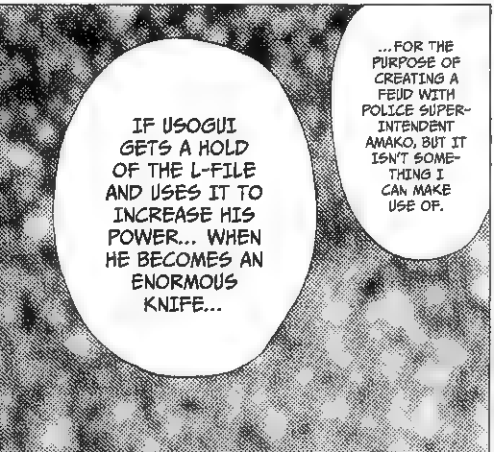
I THOUGHT THAT IF I REPORTED ABOUT THIS TO BAKU-SAN, WHO'S CURRENTLY AT THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEN IT COULD BROADEN THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE GAME...
.....
HMPH.

...THE LABYRINTH FILE... THEN, IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE IMPRISONMENT GAMBLE I DID AT THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.
I AM NOT COMPLETELY SURE, BUT... IF THIS L-FILE IS...
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS L-FILE HAS THE NAME OF THE REAL CULPRIT OR THE CLIENT ROSTER.


MISTER... HERE YOU GO.

NO~
I DON'T REMEMBER BEING FRIENDS WITH YOU~
ALTHOUGH THEY WERE BULLETS PREPARED BY THE FAKE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION, IT MUST'VE HURT A LOT.
AS A FRIEND, I'M WORRIED PLEASE SHOW IT TO ME

IN ORDER TO GET AWAY FROM THE PURSUER FROM KAKEROU, WE CONTACTED AMAKO AND HURRIEDLY CREATED THIS PLOY BUT IT WENT QUITE WELL.


IF USOGUI GETS A HOLD OF THE L-FILE AND USES IT TO INCREASE HIS POWER... WHEN HE BECOMES AN ENORMOUS KNIFE...
...FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A FEUD WITH POLICE SUPERINTENDENT AMAKO, BUT IT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN MAKE USE OF.

WITH THIS, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT PERSISTENT SWEEPER ANYMORE... I GOT HOLD OF THE L-FILE...

I JUST HAVE TO GRASP...
...THE HANDLE OF THAT ENOR-MOUS KNIFE.

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EVEN THOUGH IT COULD RANGE FROM SOMETHING SMALL TO SOMETHING LARGE...
...YOU COULD SAY THAT A CRIME IS SOME-THING THAT EVERYONE COMMITS.

AND EVERYONE WOULD WANT TO ESCAPE THE PUNISH-MENT.

BUT IF THERE ARE ONES WHO ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO ESCAPE, THEN THERE ARE, OF COURSE, ONES FOUND BY KEEN POLICE INVESTI-GATION AND ARE ARRESTED AND CHARGED.
poke
AMONG THOSE, THERE ARE ONES THAT ESCAPE THANKS TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE POLICE, OR BECAUSE THEIR CASE ISN'T SOLVED.

...OR IN OTHER WORDS, PEOPLE WHO POSSESS POWER, GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS IN A DIFFERENT MANNER
HOWEVER,
ONES WITH STUNNING CONNECTIONS AND A VAST AMOUNT OF MONEY,

...THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH POWER WHO HATE ATONING FOR THEIR SINS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. THEY REFUSE TO.
YOU COULD SAY THE SAME FOR ANY COUNTRY. BUT...
ABOVE THE PUBLIC, WHO LINE UP AT WAGON SALES AND MODESTLY EAT ONE COIN LUNCHES,

WHAT THEY WIELD IN THEIR FINGERS...
...IS SO MUCH INFLUENCE OVER OTHERS. SO MUCH THAT AN ORDINARY PERSON COULDN'T IMAGINE.

THEIR POCKETS...
...ARE ALWAYS OVERFLOWING WITH A MYSTERIOUS SPELL THAT DAZES PEOPLE...

...THEY CAN MAKE A WHITE CROW FLY... AND EVEN TURN AN HONEST PERSON INTO A LIAR.
JUST BY MOVING THEIR LIPS,
AND USING THOSE CONNEC-TIONS,
NO, IT'D BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO SAY TO SAY THAT THEY GET ARROGANT FROM COMMITTING THESE SELFISH ACTS... THAT IS WHY...
IF THESE PEOPLE, WHO CAN GET AWAY WITH COMMIT-TING THESE SELFISH ACTS, WERE TO COMMIT A CRIME...
AND IF THE POLICE, WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONES PUNISHING THEM, PREPARE A SCAPE-GOAT FOR THEM IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY, THEY WILL, OF COURSE, MAKE USE OF THAT.
...THEY WILL TRY TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH USING ANY MEANS POSSIBLE. TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION.

IT'S NOT THEIR JOB TO FIND THAT.
YES
IT'S THE POLICE'S JOB IN THE FIRST PLACE, TO FIND THE CULPRIT OF A CASE.
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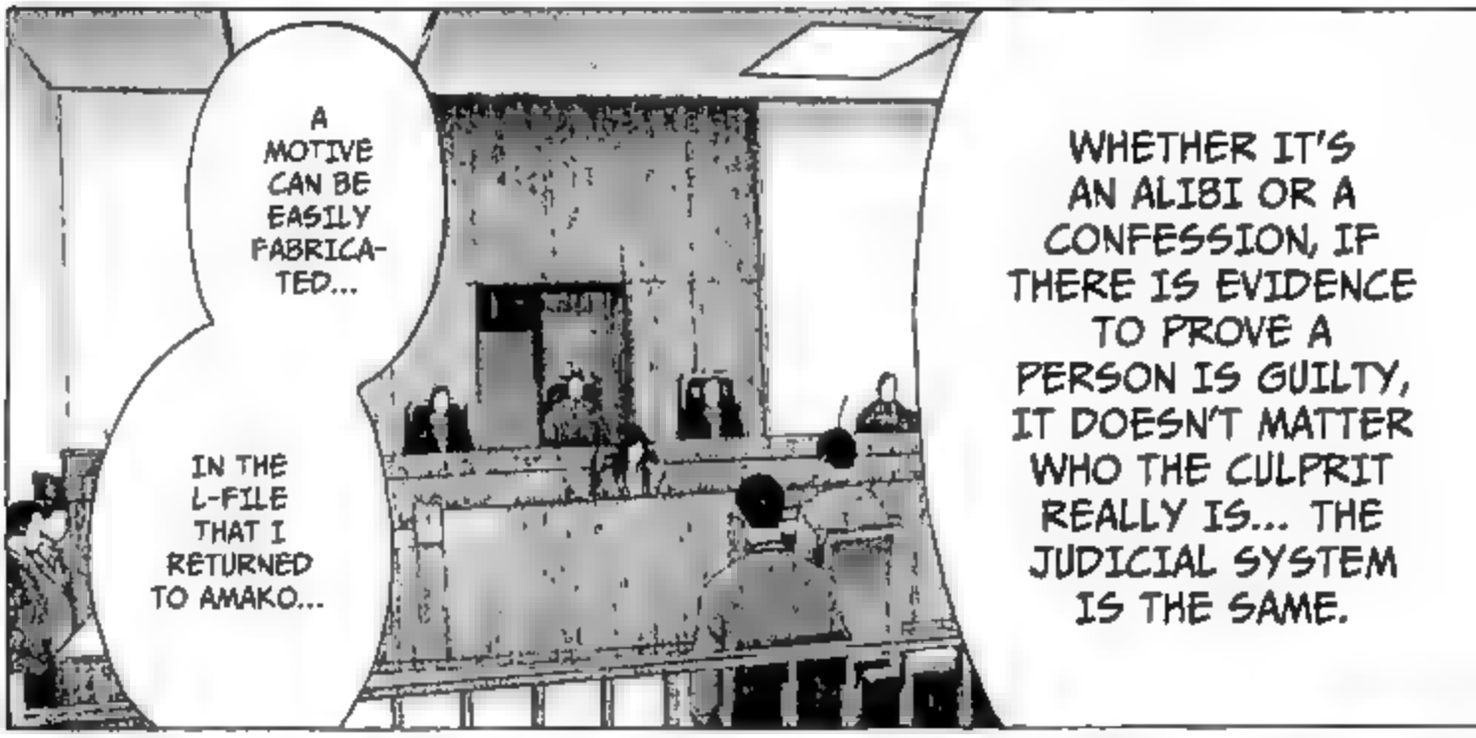
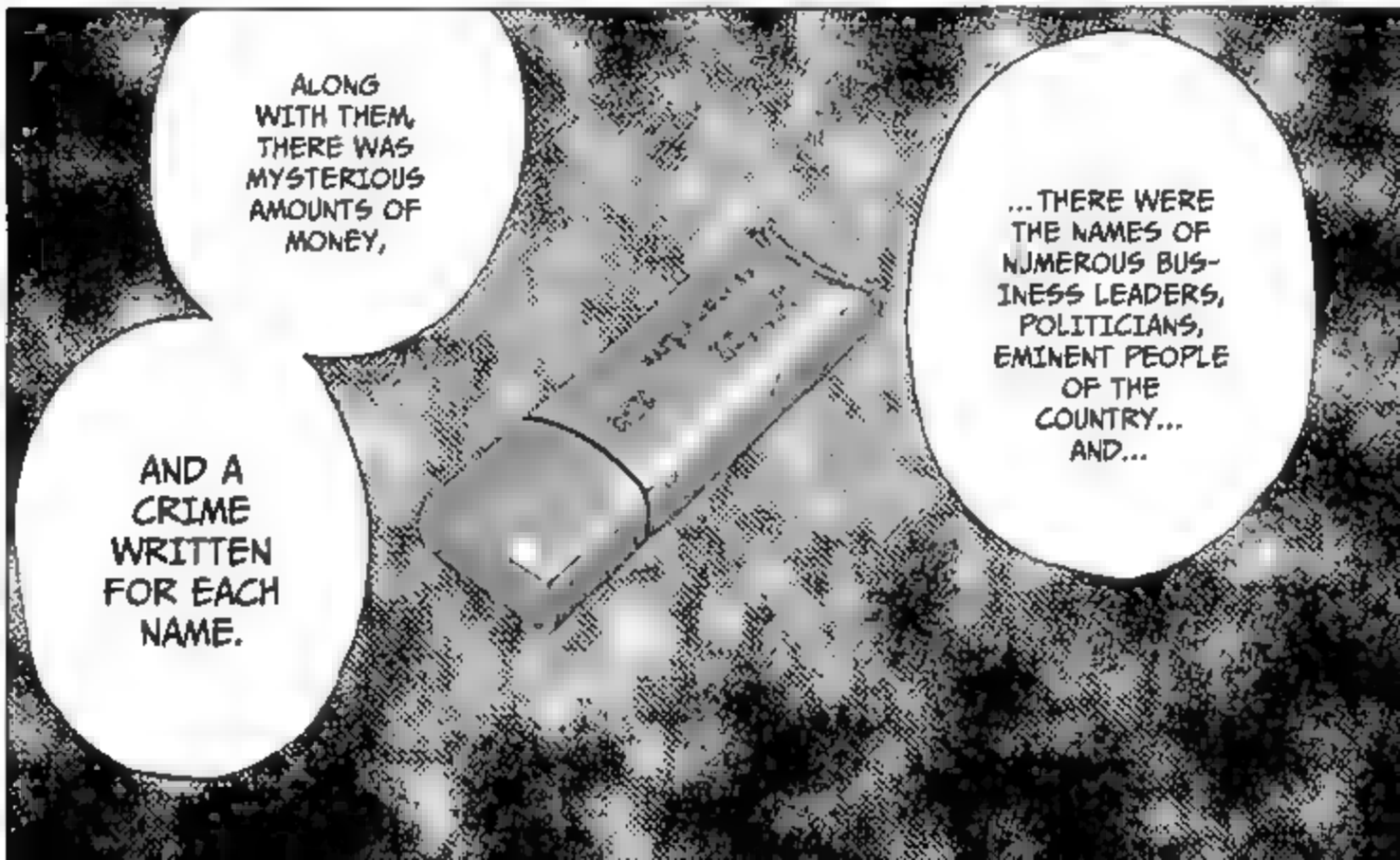
THE POLICE YOU SAY ..


A MOTIVE CAN BE EASILY FABRICA-TED...
IN THE L-FILE THAT I RETURNED TO AMAKO...
WHETHER IT'S AN ALIBI OR A CONFESSION, IF THERE IS EVIDENCE TO PROVE A PERSON IS GUILTY, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO THE CULPRIT REALLY IS... THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS THE SAME.


ALONG WITH THEM, THERE WAS MYSTERIOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY,
AND A CRIME WRITTEN FOR EACH NAME.
...THERE WERE THE NAMES OF NUMEROUS BUS-INESS LEADERS, POLITICIANS, EMINENT PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY... AND...

THIS IS PROBABLY A RECORD OF THE REQUESTS MADE TO THE POLICE BY THE AUTHORITIES...
THE L-FILE IS MOST LIKELY...
...EVIDENCE OF THE AUTHORITIES REQUESTING THE POLICE TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT FOR THE CRIMES THEY COMMITTED...
IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS A FILE OF DARKNESS THAT CAN'T BE REVEALED... THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

HE...
...MAY BE ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF THE L-FILE.

IF USOGUI IS, AS THE SWEEPER SAID, AT THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT...
I KNEW THAT, WHILE USOGUI WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER REFEREE KADOKURA
.. AND IF AMAKO HAS TO DO SOMETHING WITH HIM..

THE ONE WHO GETS A HOLD OF IT WILL GET NOT ONLY GET MONEY, BUT ALSO ALL KINDS OF AD-VANTAGES.
L-FILE... BY POSSESSING THAT, HE'LL BE ABLE TO GRASP THE ACHILLES TENDON OF BOTH THE POLICE AND THE AUTH-ORITIES.

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.
PULL
PULL
HEY MARTIN.

LIKE I SAID EARLIER, THEY HAVE THE POWER TO GET AWAY WITH SELFISH ACTS.
THE NAMES IN THIS FILE ARE THE MONSTERS OF THIS COUNTRY'S HIGHER CLASS.

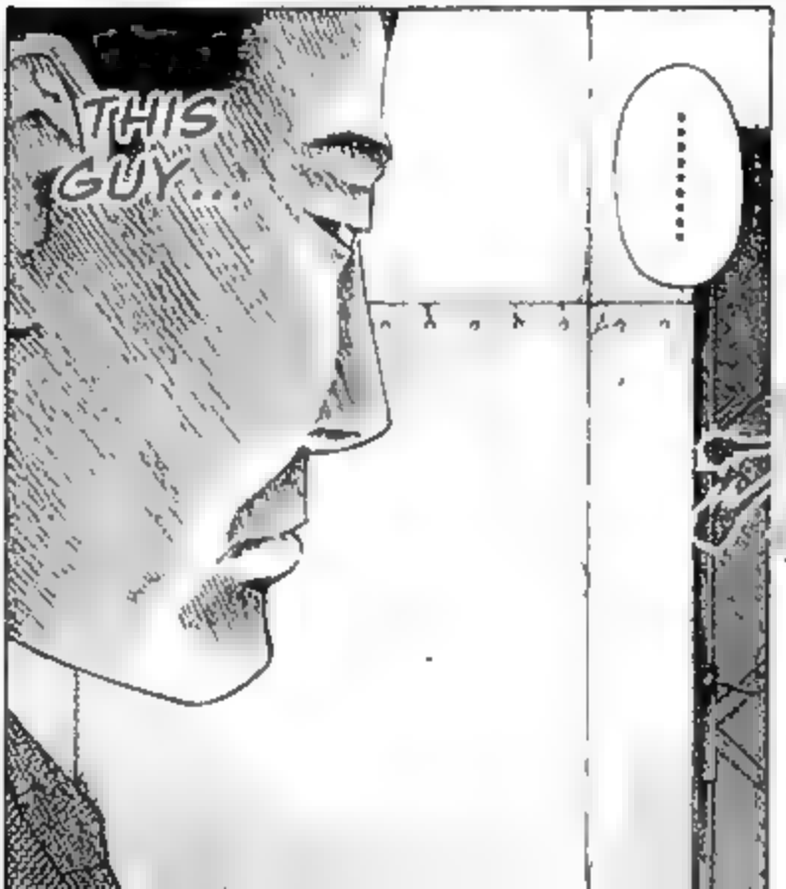
IF SOME HOODLUM GOT A HOLD OF IT,
.. HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE PROPER USE OF IT.
POKE
THE L-FILE ITSELF DOESN'T HAVE ANY DECISIVE OR ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE THAT COULD PROVE ANYTHING.
IT'S NO DIFFERENT TO BEING SILENCED OR TO DIE FOR SPEAKING OUT OF PLACE.
IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANT-AGE OF THEM...
THAT'S LIKE GRAB-BING
THE COLLAR OF A POWER-FUL PERSON WITH A WEAK ARM.

YOU MUST MAKE THEM BELIEVE THAT THEIR HEART WILL BE CRUSHED IF THEY MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE ..
TENACITY... IT'S A FORCE THAT'S NECESSARY FROM A PERSON.

THE MAN NAMED USOGUI, WHO STOPPED THE MISSILES...
HE DESTROYED THE TERRORIST...
IF IT'S HIM...
THE L-FILE CAN BE USED EFF-ECTIVELY.

...HE WILL CROSS THE DANGEROUS BRIDGE.
INSTEAD OF ME, WHO HATES TO GAMBLE...
...IS GRASP THE HANDLE OF THE KNIFE BY THE NAME OF USOGUI...
IT'S BETTER IF THE RISK IS LOW... WHEN HE HAS ACQUIRED ENOUGH POWER TO PLAY THE "SURPASSING THE LEADER" GAME... ALL I HAVE TO DO...
AND ANYWAY...

...THAT'S ONLY IF HE GETS HOLD OF THE L-FILE...


THIS GUY...
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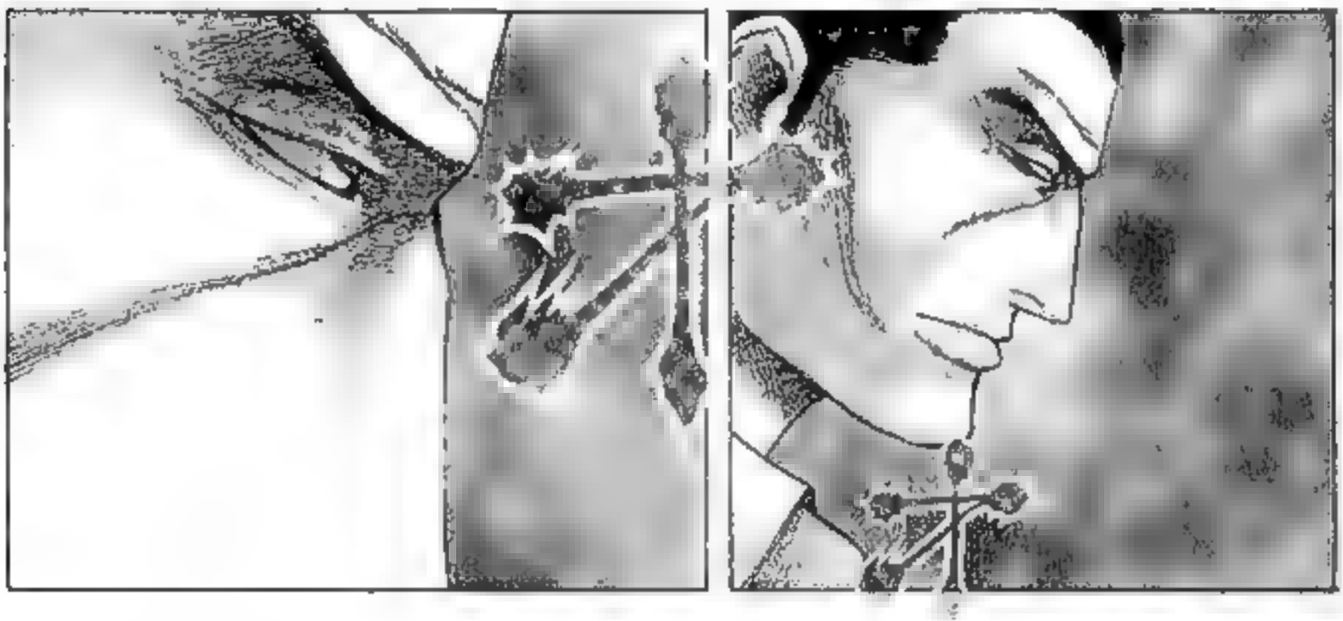
WHY...
...DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THE L-FILE?
THE ONLY POSSIBILITY I CAN THINK OF IS...

BILLY CRAIG FROM THE EMBASSY... THERE MUST BE...
...A CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM...

NO... THEY'RE NOT ALLIES... IF THEY HAD WANTED TO GET A HOLD OF THE L-FILE ..
IT WAS UNNATURAL FOR BILLY TO HAVE RETURNED IT SO EASILY...
HERE YOU GO. FUFU. DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT WAS A MIS-UNDERST-ANDING?
I ONLY WANTED A TRIGGER.
A TRIGGER TO BECOME FRIENDLY WITH YOU..
I INTENDED TO GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU FROM THE BEGIN-NING.

FOR TWO PEOPLE TO MENTION THE L-FILE ON THE SAME DAY...

I CAN'T IGNORE THE FACT THAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE L-FILE...
THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW IF HE HAS A RELATION WITH THAT GUY RIGHT NOW, BUT...



HAAA~, I DON'T REALLY CARE FOR DISPUTES. BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY DUMB...
.. ? PLAY DUMB?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
L... FILE?
.....?
FILE?

!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Ah
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I HAPPEN TO HAVE IT IN MY HANDS. THIS IS THE L-FILE.

BAKU-KUN.

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.
THIS IS NOT EVEN WORTH BETTING OVER... THIS L-FILE...
HERE, TAKE IT.
.....

HERE,

...TAKE IT.

Chapter 116: Natural Selection

A FEW MINUTES AGO,

A MESSAGE WAS SENT TO HIM FROM AN ALLY HE COULD TRUST.

Ring

Ring

USOGUI THINKS.

HE SECRETLY LOOKED AT...

THE MESS-AGE FROM KAJI.

WHAT'S THIS PIPE?

...HEY~

FROM: KAJI
SUBJECT: SOMETHING TO REPORT...

THERE MIGHT BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOMETHING CALLED THE L-FILE! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF RUNNING AWAY, SO BYE FOR NOW

THE L-FILE.

IT'S AS IF, BECAUSE OF KAJI'S SIMPLICITY, USOGUI WAS ABLE TO FORCE AMAKO TO TALK ABOUT IT.

...INSTANTLY SPECULATED THAT IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE LABY-RINTH...

L-FILE...

AFTER HEARING ITS NAME USOGUI, LIKE KAJI,

...THIS VULGAR BARGAIN... THIS GAME... TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY...

USOGUI THINKS.

OF COURSE, IT'S HARD TO TAKE IT ALL AT FACE VALUE. AMAKO'S WORDS...

...THE L-FILE.

AND THE MYSTERY IS THE USB FLASH DRIVE HE TOOK OUT,

NO... THE INTENT-IONS OF THE ENEMY ARE NOT THAT IMPOR-TANT.

THEN, EVEN IF IT'S A COIN-CIDENCE, IT'S UNNATURAL FOR AMAKO TO BE WALKING AROUND WITH IT. SO IT WOULD BE OB-VIOUS TO THINK THERE'S NOTH-ING QUESTION-ABLE ABOUT ITS CONTENTS.

IF THIS THING IS WHAT HE THINKS IT IS...

WHAT MATTERS IS HOW HE INTENDS TO BENEFIT FROM THIS ACTION...

...AND AMAKO'S NAME ITSELF...

...ABOUT THE L-FILE, MATTERS ABOUT POLICE SUPER-INTENDENT AMAKO...

IN KAJI'S MESSAGE, IF HE HAD INCLUDED WHAT CARACAL TALKED ABOUT IN THE TUNNEL...

..KAJI DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION... OR RATHER YOU COULD SAY HE LACKED THE ATTENTION NEEDED.

THERE MIGHT BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOMETHING CALLED THE L-FILE! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF RUNNING AWAY, SO B FOR NOW

THE REASON HE DID THAT WAS BE-CAUSE...

THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO REA-SON FOR KAJI TO INCLUDE HIS SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE FILE BEING IN AMAKO'S HANDS.

FOR SOME REASON...

EVEN IF HE KNEW... THERE WAS NO WAY FOR USOGUI TO CON-FIRM IT.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR USOGUI TO EXPECT KAJI'S INFORMA-TION TO HELP HIM MUCH, BUT...

HEY... WHY?

.....

IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE WALKING AROUND WITH, COPIED ON A FLASH DRIVE.

THAT L-FILE... BY WHAT COINCI-DENCE DO YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU RIGHT NOW?

...HE STOLE THIS L-FILE, AND COPIED IT ON THIS USB FLASH DRIVE.

THERE WAS A FOREIGN AGENT... HE WAS A CIA INVESTIGATOR FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY, MR. BILLY CRAIG... JUST LIKE A SPY WOULD,

I NOTICED IT WAS GONE, AND...

...BAKU-KUN.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW,

I'LL TELL YOU THE REA-SON.

...EARLIER TODAY, AT A FRENCH RESTAU-RANT,

I WAS ABLE TO RECOVER IT.

HUH?

THAT'S WHY I HAVE THE FILE WITH ME RIGHT NOW...

BAKU-KUN.

WELL, OKAY.

IF YOU'RE GIVING IT TO US, WE'LL TAKE IT... MAA-KUN.

WHAT KIND OF REASON IS THAT?

.....

COULD YOU PERSONALLY COME AND TAKE IT?

.....

IT'S TO YOU...

...THAT I WANT TO GIVE THIS TO...

HEHE.

...TO ME?

YOU'RE SCARED... OF GETTING CLOSE...

OR IS IT THAT... PERHAPS...

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

IF HE KILLS ME RIGHT NOW, HE CAN'T GET THE MONEY,

BESIDES, I CAN DO HOKUTO SHINKEN.*

IT'S OKAY, MAA-KUN!!

!!

...BAKU-NII CHAN?

T/N: AN ANCIENT CHINESE MARTIAL ART FROM THE MANGA FIST OF THE NORTH STAR

BAKU-
KUN.

...THEY CAN'T BE SAVED.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT OUT OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD... MOST OF THEM ARE IDIOTS TO THE POINT THAT...

.....

DON'T YOU THINK THEY SHOULD AT LEAST BE CONSCIOUS OF DAN-GER?

THEY DON'T HAVE AN INTEREST IN PEOPLE AROUND THEM, AND WALK AROUND DE-FENSELESSLY, EXPOSING THEIR LIVES.

THEY DON'T SENSE DAN-GER...

THEY ARE JUST PEACEFUL IDIOTS.

THEY THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN GET FOR FREE.

THE GRUESOME INCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN IN THIS WORLD ARE TREATED LIKE PASSING WINDS... EVERYONE THINKS THAT THEY ARE SAFE. THE PEACE AROUND THEM...

THAT IS WHY THEIR HEADS TURN NUMB FROM THE TEMPTATION OF THIS "NO MONEY" GAMBLE.

A GAMBLE THAT WILL CARRY THEIR FEET INTO THE MUD.

THEY KNOW, IN THEIR HEADS, THAT IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. BUT AT THE END OF IT ALL, THEY STILL REMAIN PEACEFUL IDIOTS.

BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND...

NOTHING IS FREE.

THEY BRING IT UPON THEMSELVES WITH THEIR FOOLISHNESS. IN A WAY, IT'S NATURAL SELECTION.

HMM...

AND WHEN THEY FINALLY NOTICE, THE MUD IS ALREADY OVER THEIR HEADS...

I...

...RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR KEEPING THIS WORLD SAFE FROM THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE.

.....

BA-...

YOU, WHO STUPIDLY CAME TO TAKE THE FILE, ARE THE SAME.

...OH~

HM.

PEACE-
FUL IDIOT,
HUH~ I
THINK SO
TOO.

I'M HAPPY YOU UNDER-STAND.
IN THIS WORLD... THERE'S NOTHING...
...MORE DANGER-OUS THAN SOMETHING THAT IS FREE.
.....

...IS NOW YOURS.

THE L-FILE...

THE OFFICIAL NAME FOR IT IS...

THAT FILE IN YOUR HANDS RIGHT NOW...

BY THE WAY...

.....

WELL,

IF YOU'RE FINE WITH HAVING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I'LL GIVE AS MANY AS YOU WANT.

IT'S A FILE THAT LISTS THE REPRE-SENTATIVE LOBBY-ISTS OF JAPAN.

...THE LOBBYIST FILE... THE L-FILE FOR SHORT.

.....

...IN POLITICS, BAKU-KUN?

DO YOU HAVE AN INTER-EST...

.....

WHA... WHAT HAPPENED TO HOUTO SHINKEN...

BA... BAKU-NIICHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?

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I SEE.

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THE 1.1 BILLION IS ALREADY IN OUR HANDS... USOGUI PROBABLY DID ALL OF THAT KNOWING THIS, BUT...

IN OTHER WORDS..

MADE A BLUNDER

EXCUSE MY RUDENESS

I WAS WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS GONE

BUT YOU SEEM TO BE..

...COMPLETELY FINE.

THE LABYRINTH FILE, THAT SHOWS THE NAMES OF ALL THE CLIENTS RELATED TO THIS GAMBLE...

THE L-FILE THAT BAKU-SAMA SPEAKS OF...

PEEK

I CAN FIND THIS OUT BY INVESTIGA-TING, BUT I'LL JUST ASK.

AMAKO-SAMA... DOES THIS LABYRINTH FILE EXIST?

YEAH.

YOU'RE SAYING YOU WON'T TAKE PART IN THE GAMBLE UNLESS AMAKO-SAMA BETS ON THAT.

!

THE L-FILE EXISTS.

.....

BA, BAKU-NII-CHAN.

.....

YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND CHECK IT.

REFEREE KADOKURA, THIS IS THE L-FILE.

EARLIER, I HANDED THIS TO YOU WITH THE INTENTION OF GIVING IT TO YOU.

T/N: AMAKO IS MAKING A PUN HERE, SINCE USOGUI=LIE EATER

I ONLY TEASED YOU A BIT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU BELIEVED MY LIE...

UMMM, USOGUI-KUN*....

Chapter 117:
Victory is Inevitable

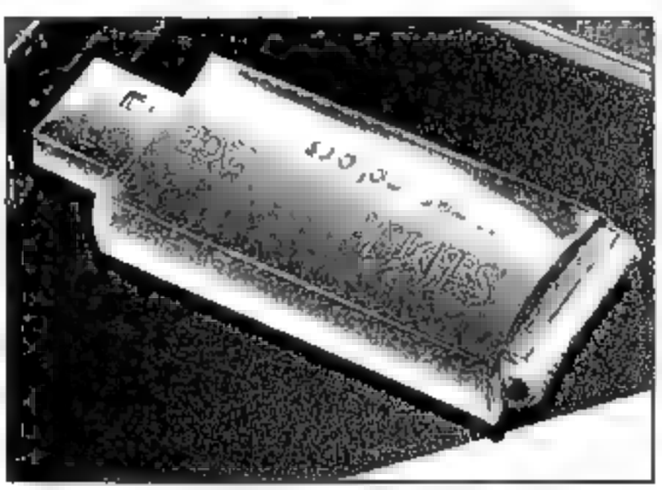
...!
OW...
SHIT, IT'S BLEEDING AGAIN.
THAT...
...EYEBROW BASTARD...

I...
...ONLY WENT THERE BECAUSE HE SAID HE'D GIVE ME THE FILE...
I MAY LOOK LIKE A FOOL, BUT...
I THOUGHT I COULD EARN EVERYTHING FROM A GAMBLE... HOW PATHETIC... ISN'T IT LAUGHABLE?
.....

...SO FRUSTRATED!!
.....
I DID MY BEST TO HIDE MY SHAKING... BUT... I WAS... ACTUALLY...
HONESTLY... I WAS SO TAKEN ABACK...

HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS. I JUST FEEL MORE RELIEVED WHEN I TALK I GUESS?
HOW STRANGE I JUST MET YOU TODAY, AND YET... I TALKED SO MUCH.
I'M WEIRD.. AREN'T I..
OH, SORRY FOR COMPLAINING.
.....
.....
DON'T MIND IT. THERE'S NO STRANGE MEANING BEHIND IT...
ARE YOU OKAY?
OW!! DAMN IT.
BAKU-SAMA..
IF YOU'D LIKE..
IF THIS GOES ON, IT MIGHT BE TOO.

WELCOME BACK. ARE YOU DONE WITH THE TREATMENT, BAKU-SAMA?
OH, I'M FINE, I'M FINE. THANKS TO YOU, MY PAIN'S ALL GONE.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT. WELL THEN...



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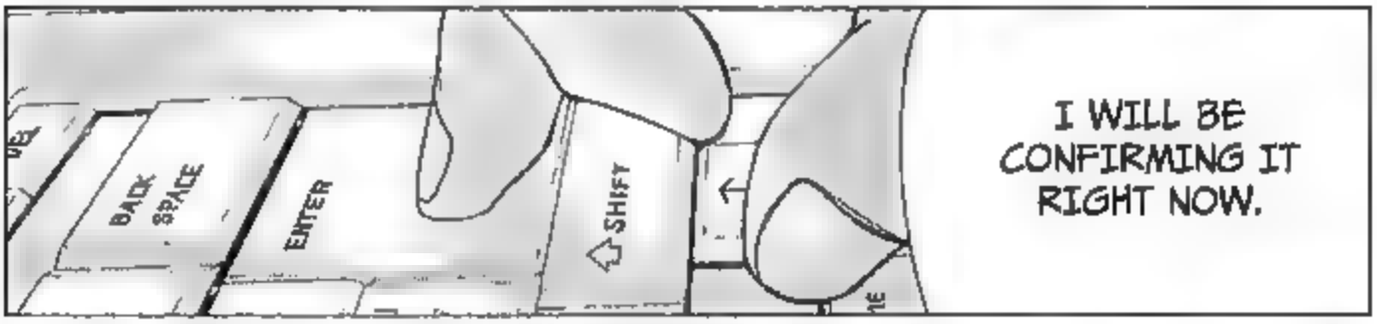
WE MUST SEE IF IT IS WHAT BAKU-SAMA WAS TALKING ABOUT OR NOT...
THIS FILE AMAKO-SAMA SUBMI-TTED...


BACK SPACE
ENTER
SHIFT
I WILL BE CONFIRMING IT RIGHT NOW.

.....
...WELL...

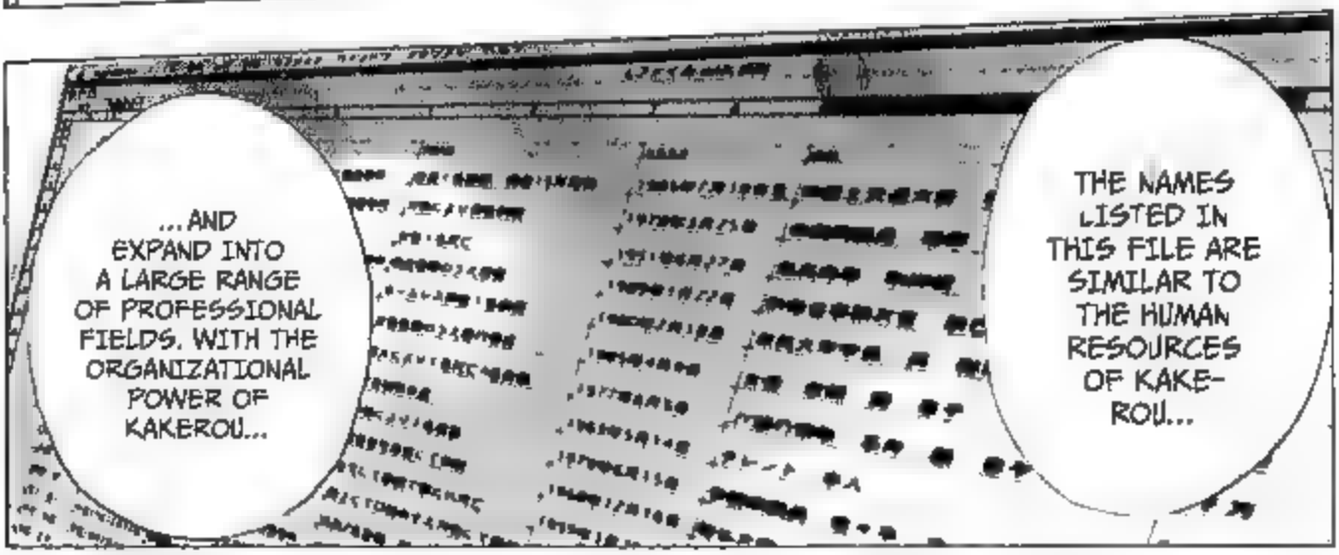
THERE ARE...
...QUITE A LOT OF NAMES LINED UP.

IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU,
...THE NAMES AND CASES WRITTEN ON HERE... SOME OF THE CONTENT ON THIS DATA...

AMAKO-SAMA.

THIS IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME TO CONFIRM IF THIS IS THE FILE BAKU-SAMA IS SEEKING OR NOT.

...INVES-
TIGATE
THE AUTH-
ENTICITY
OF THIS
FILE.
...WILL BE
CHECKED
BY KAKE-
ROU. THEY
WILL...


...AND
EXPAND INTO
A LARGE RANGE
OF PROFESSIONAL
FIELDS. WITH THE
ORGANIZATIONAL
POWER OF
KAKEROU...
THE NAMES
LISTED IN
THIS FILE ARE
SIMILAR TO
THE HUMAN
RESOURCES
OF KAKE-
ROU...

WITH
THOSE
RESULTS...
...WE
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO FIND OUT
IF THESE
INCIDENTS
EXIST AND
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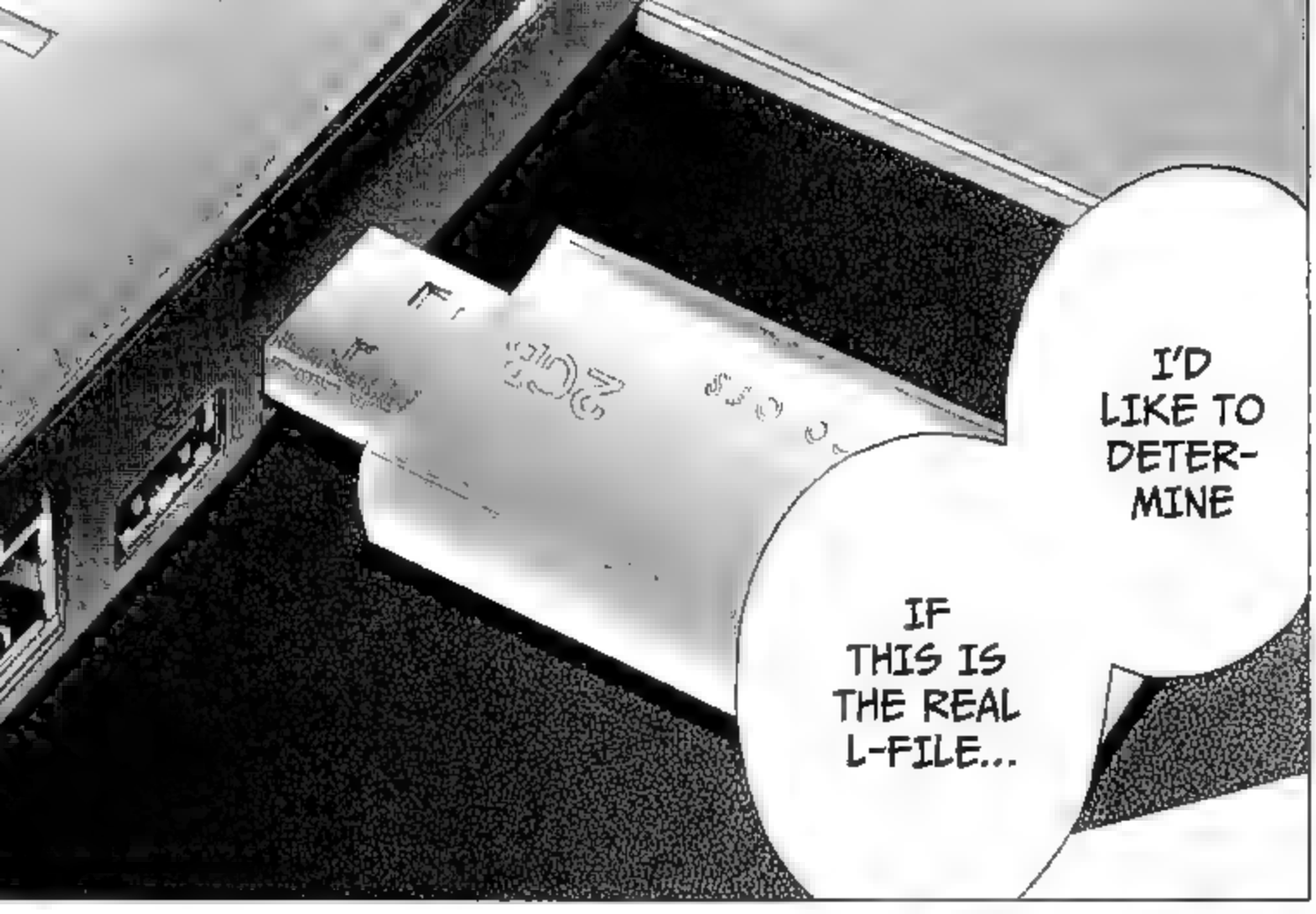
NAME AND
THE CASE,


I'D LIKE TO DETER-MINE
IF THIS IS THE REAL L-FILE...

.....
WELL THEN.

...IT'S ME.
PLEASE INVESTIGATE THE INFOR-MATION THAT I'LL BE GIVING YOU RIGHT NOW.

ARE BOTH OF YOU..
...FINE WITH THIS?

IF YOU LIKE, I COULD PREPARE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOU.
THE BLOOD..
...IT' FINE, IT'S FINE.
OH, THIS.. YOU DID THIS YOU KNOW
BAKU-KUN.
2004. OKUTAMA..
OKAY NEXT IS NOVEMBER 5,

?
IF THAT'S ALL, IT'S NOT A LOT... AT FIRST,
BUT IN THE END...
I WAS PISSED OFF BECAUSE OF THE PAIN,
THE FACE-SLAP AND THE PUNCH EQUALS TO TWO HITS.
...DON'T MIND IT...
YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT,

I'M GOING TO WIN THE GAME, SO HITS LIKE THAT...
I DON'T MIND THEM...

AND WHILE ENGRAVING INTO MY HEART, THE LESSON EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW, I DECIDED...
.....
YOU SAID THERE'S NOTHING SCARIER THAN THAT.
A GOOD STORY IS NEVER FOR FREE. THE WORLD ISN'T THAT NICE... I FULLY REALIZE NOW...
FREE...

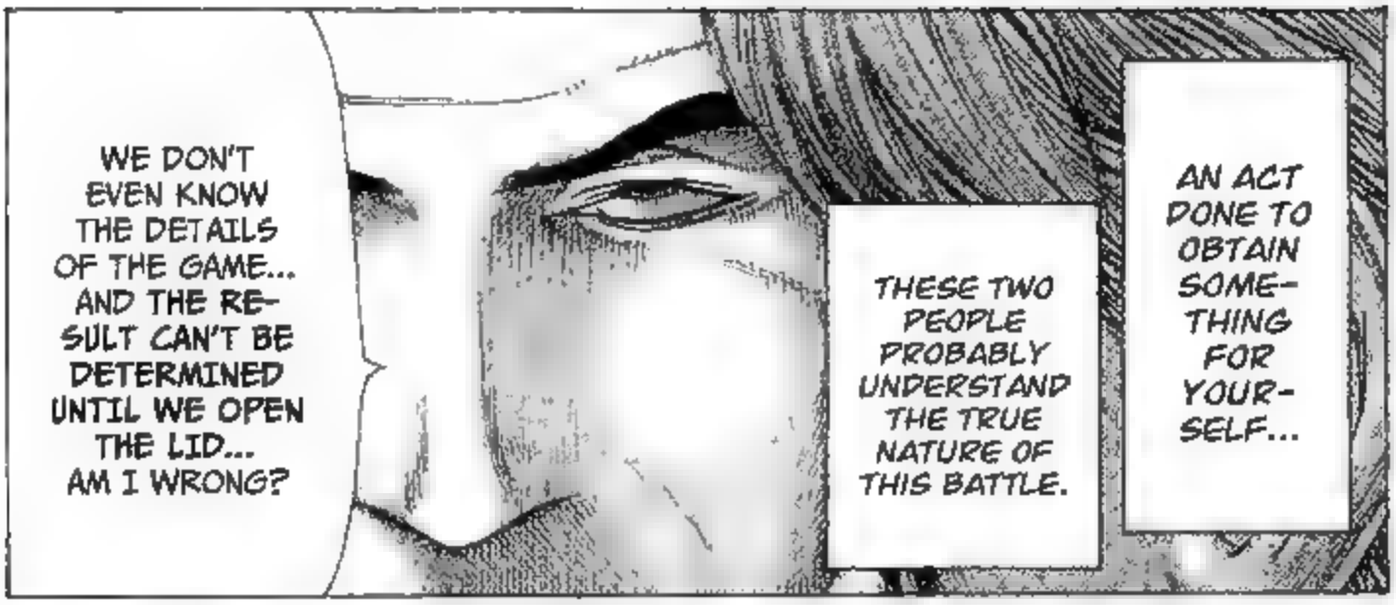
I'M TAKING IT FROM YOU...
...FOR FREE.

1997
1998
2002
2003
2005
……
SINCE I'M GOING TO WIN, IT'S THE SAME AS GETTING THE L-FILE IN EXCHANGE FOR THOSE TWO HITS.
SO THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO RETURN YOU SOMETHING WORTH TWO HITS.

IN YOUR DISTORTED ORDER,
IT'S APPRO-PRIATE.

I SAID THIS ALREADY, BUT... IT'S BECAUSE IN THE END, I'M GOING TO WIN.
.....
SO I'LL FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID EARLIER. WITH THIS, EVERYTHING'S CLEARED AND IT'S AGAIN A "NO MONEY" GAMBLE.

...I DON'T MIND IT ANY-MORE.
SO...


WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE GAME... AND THE RESULT CAN'T BE DETERMINED UNTIL WE OPEN THE LID... AM I WRONG?
THESE TWO PEOPLE PROBABLY UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS BATTLE.
AN ACT DONE TO OBTAIN SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF...

DEPENDING ON THE PERSON, BATTLES WILL SHOW AN EVER-CHANGING ASSORTMENT OF COLORS.
...I SEE. CERTAINLY...
YOU ARE WRONG.
WITH THAT MUNDANE LECTURE, A PATH WON'T OPEN FOR YOUR REASON TO KEEP WINNING.

.....
...INFLUENCE THE RESULT OF THE BATTLE.
THE CARD IN YOUR HAND CAN POSSIBLY...

THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME WHO HATE MORTAL COMBATS AND ABANDON BATTLES.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE SOME WHO CAN'T LEAVE THE PLACE OF BATTLES... AND...
...THAT THIS L-FILE IS REAL.
BAKU-SAMA.
.....
THE RESULT HAS ARR-IVED.
...MAY BE THE ONE WHO FACES THE BATTLES.
LET US BEGIN THE GAME.
...THE ONE TO SATISFY THEIR GREED...
...KAKE-ROU HAS DETER-MINED

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...WITHOUT ANY MORE DELAY, LET US GET TO THE MAIN ISSJE.
...NOW,
Place
I WILL GIVE YOU BOTH AN EXPLANATION AND A CONFIRMATION.
FIRST, AN OVERVIEW OF THE FACILITY WHICH I INVESTIGATED...

IN THE ROOM WE WERE IN EARLIER,
...AND IN THE LABYRINTH SHEET WE USED IN THE GAME WITH YUKIIDE-SAMA..
...MATCH.
.. THE F3 OF THE LABYRINTH ON THE TABLE...
IN OTHER WORDS, THE REAL LABYRINTH...
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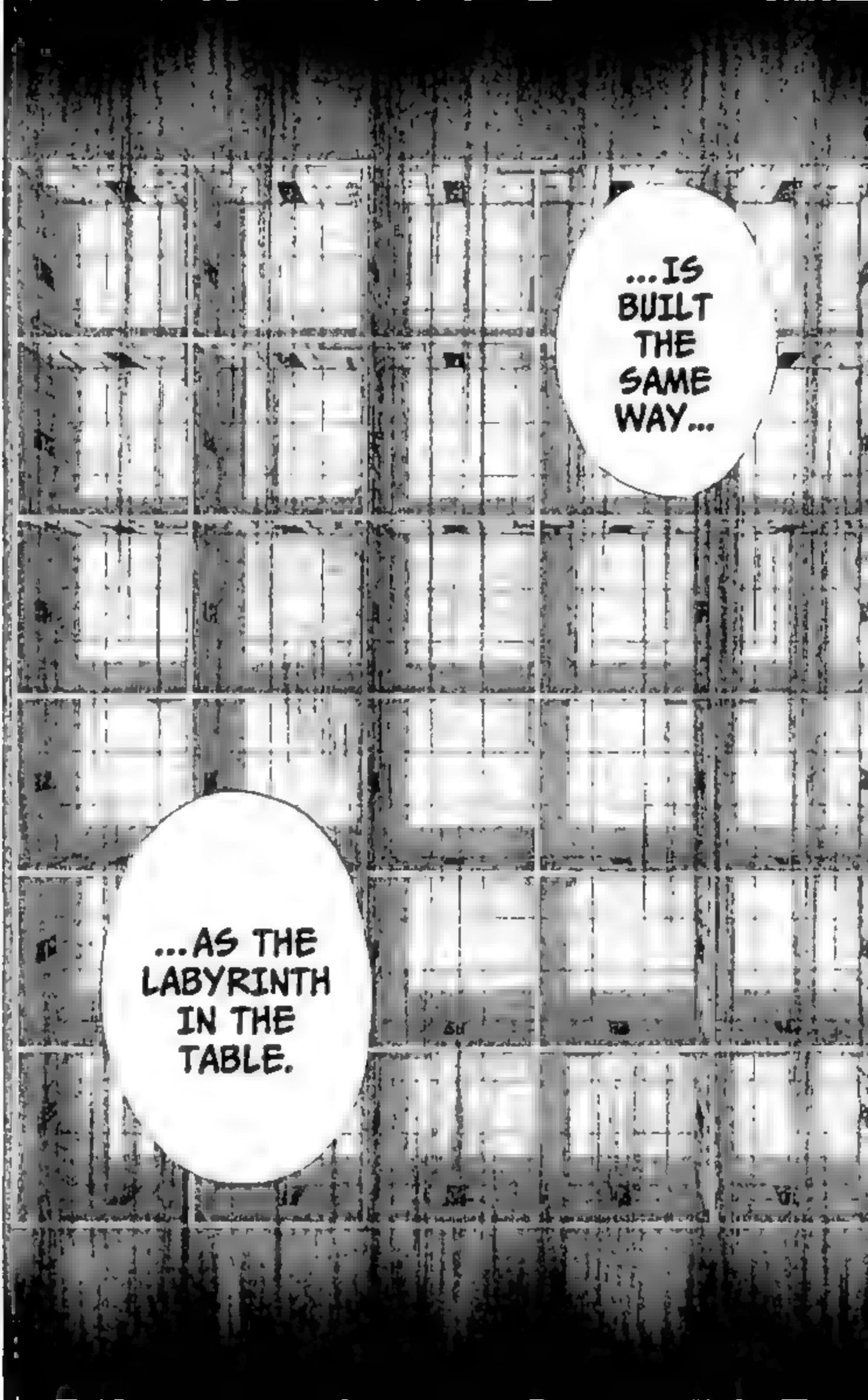
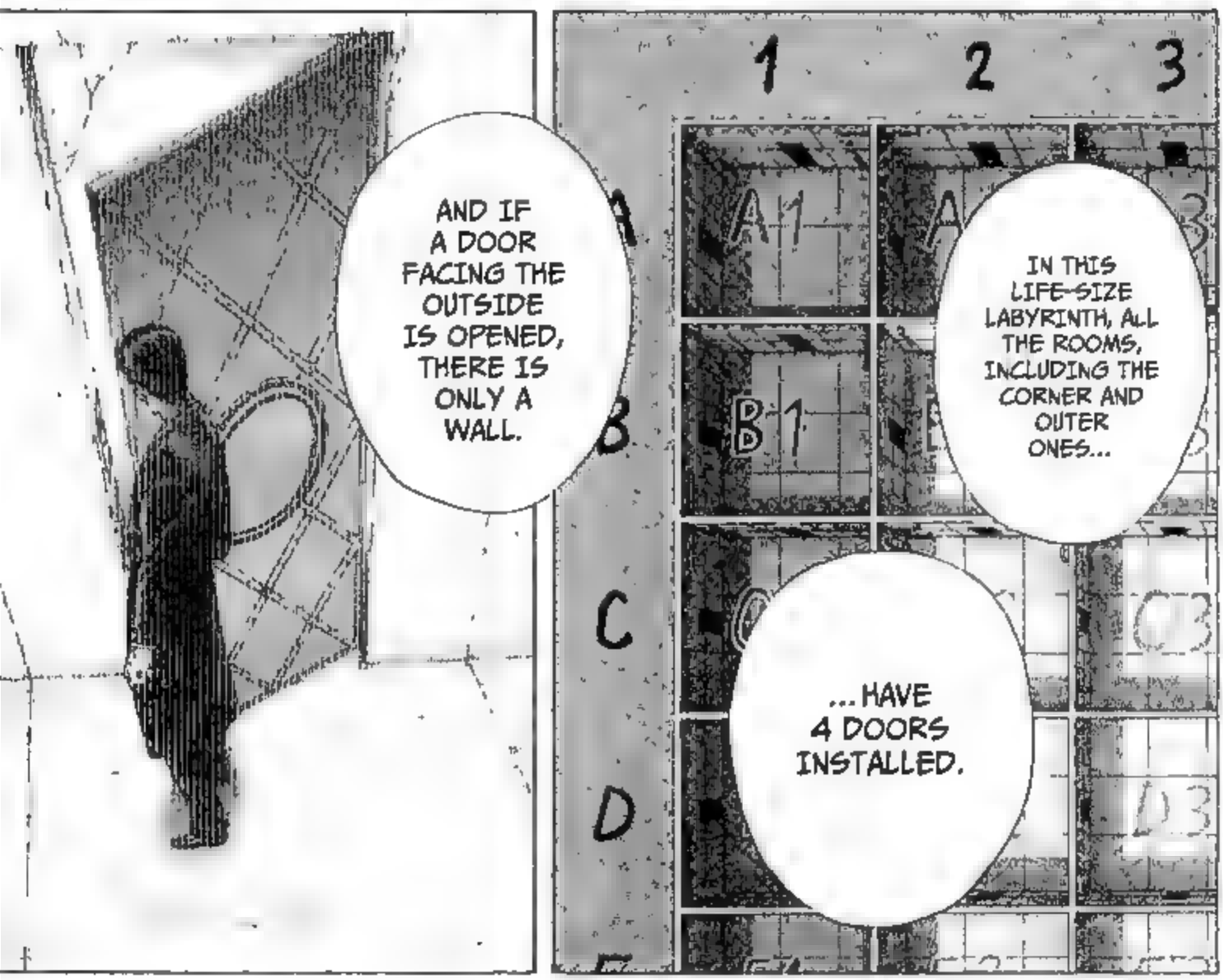

...IS BUILT THE SAME WAY...
...AS THE LABYRINTH IN THE TABLE.

1 2 3
A
B
C
USING THE NUMBERS AND THE ALPHABET, LIKE I DID EARLIER,
AND NAMING ALL THE ROOMS WOULD MAKE THIS MORE CONVE-NIENT.
36 ROOMS.


AND IF A DOOR FACING THE OUTSIDE IS OPENED, THERE IS ONLY A WALL.
1 2 3
A
B
C
D
A1
B1
IN THIS LIFE-SIZE LABYRINTH, ALL THE ROOMS, INCLUDING THE CORNER AND OUTER ONES...
...HAVE 4 DOORS INSTALLED.

I DIDN'T SPOT ANYTHING LIKE A KEYHOLE IN ANY OF THE DOORS IN THIS LABYRINTH.
AMAKO-SAMA,
...THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT.

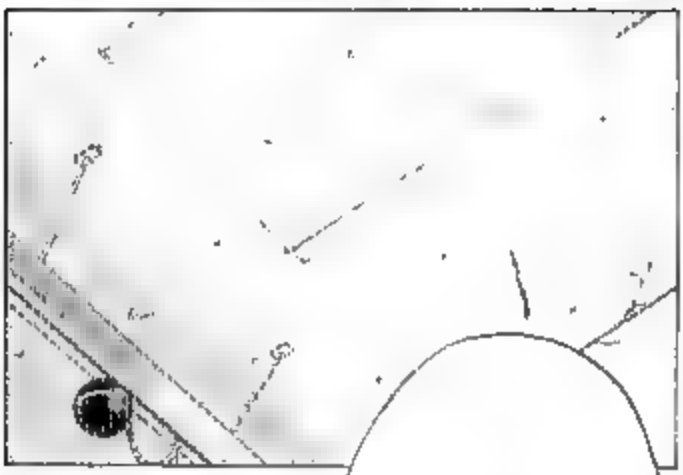
THESE DOORS ARE DESIGNED TO ONLY OPEN TO SOMETHING LIKE AN ELECTRONIC KEY OR BY EQUIP-MENT FROM OUT-SIDE, AM I RIGHT?
HOWEVER, THERE WAS AN INSTALL-MENT ON THE SIDE OF THE DOORS THAT COULD KEEP IT FROM BEING OPENED.

VERY WELL. AND ONE MORE THING...
YES... THAT SHOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.
.....

ONE SEEMS TO BE A CAMERA.
I DIS-COVERED TWO THINGS.
IN THE CENTER OF THE CEILINGS OF ALL THE ROOMS...
.....
I KNEW OF ITS EXISTENCE... I'VE CERTAINLY HEARD THAT THERE ARE CAMERAS INSTALLED, BUT OTHER THAN THAT, DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM ME.
REFEREE KADOKURA. I ALSO DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THIS FACILITY.
...OF THIS EQUIP-MENT.
VERY WELL.
THE DOOR LOCKS AND THE CAMERA SURVEILLANCE... I WILL BE TAKING CARE,

BAKU-SAMA
ARE YOU FINE WITH EVERY-THING SO FAR?
THEN, I WILL CONTINUE... I WAS SOME-WHAT DISAP-POINTED,
...BUT IN THIS LABY-RINTH...
...THERE WERE NO CONTRAPTIONS APART FROM THE LOCK ON THE DOOR AND THE CAMERAS.
THERE ARE SIMPLY 36 ROOMS LINED UP.

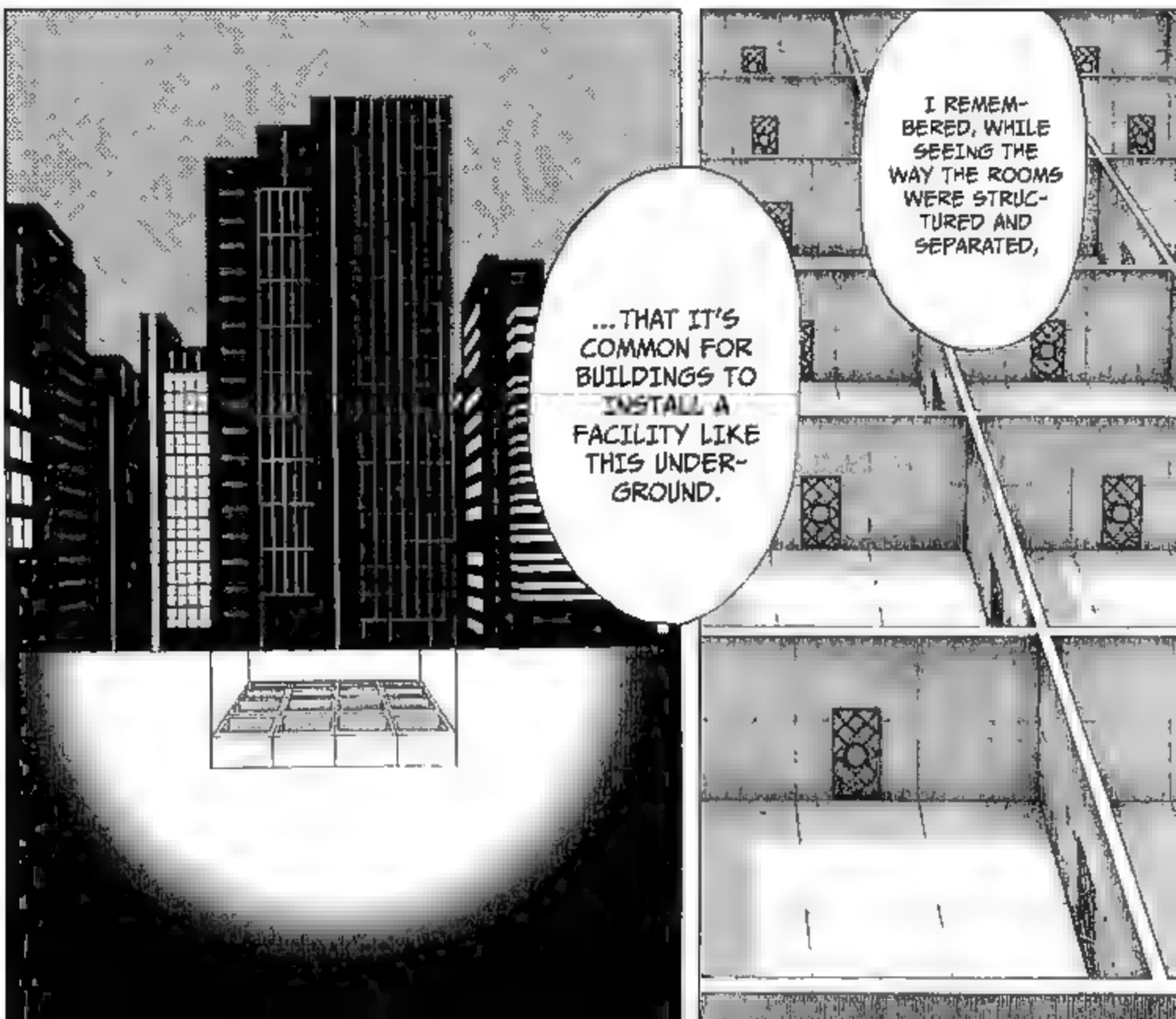
IN A WAY, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO PLAN... OH AND,
IF THAT WERE THE CASE, I WOULD NOT HAVE RETURNED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE PRETTY EERIE IF THERE REALLY WERE PITFALLS AND A VARIETY OF OTHER TRAPS.



AND THE FAINT MARKS LEFT ON THE WALLS... PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO DISASTERS, SUCH AS EARTH-QUAKES,

THE OTHER THING I SAW ON THE CEILING, BESIDES THE CAMERA WAS AN OPENING OF SOME KIND.
..THERE WAS ONE MORE THING.

...THE ROOMS ALSO SEEM TO BE ABLE TO SERVE AS... WATER TANKS?


I REMEMBERED, WHILE SEEING THE WAY THE ROOMS WERE STRUCTURED AND SEPARATED,
...THAT IT'S COMMON FOR BUILDINGS TO INSTALL A FACILITY LIKE THIS UNDERGROUND.

INSIDE SEEMS EMPTY, BUT THOSE PIPES ARE MEANT FOR THAT PURPOSE.
AM I RIGHT, AMAKO-SAMA?
.....
THAT IS THE END OF MY INVESTIGATION RESULTS... KAKEROU IS CURRENTLY CHECKING FOR CON-FIRMATION.
NOW... LET US DISCUSS THE MAIN ISSUE.
IT'S ABOUT THE GAME YOU TWO WILL BE PLAYING.

I THOUGHT BOTH OF YOU COULD CHALLENGE EACH OTHER BY USING YOUR LABYRINTHS AT THE TABLE,
BORROWING THE RULES USED IN THE PREVIOUS LABYRINTH GAME, ON THE TABLE ..

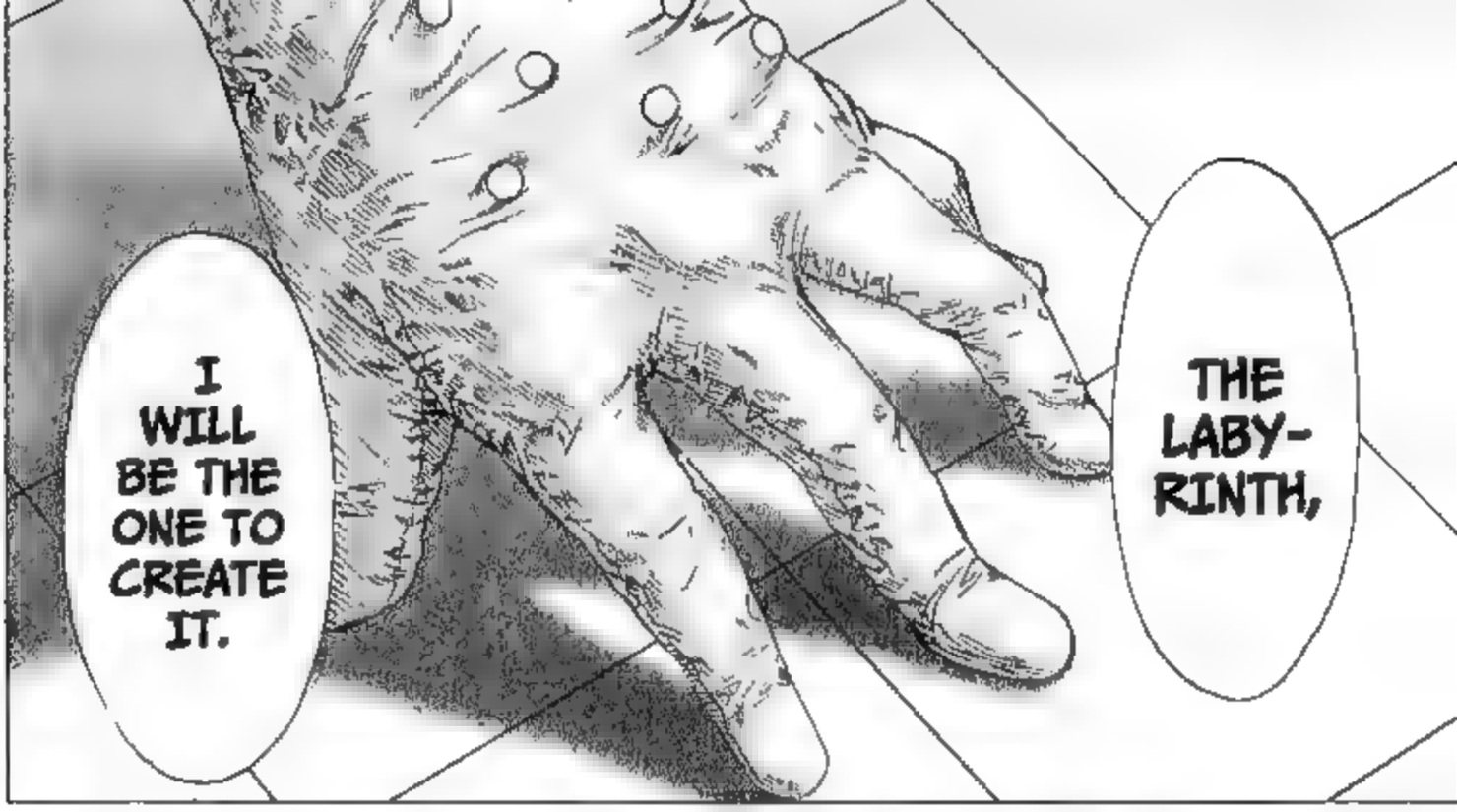
IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST IF THE PLAYERS DECIDED WHAT KIND OF GAME TO PLAY. BUT...

CHOP
...IN MOST CASES, BOTH PLAYERS TRY TO SET THE GAME TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AND IT NEVER ENDS WELL.

...AND YOUR COMPANIONS COULD ACTUALLY MOVE AS PIECES ...
BUT THAT WOULD BE LIKE REUSING THE RULES, AND WOULD MAKE IT WAY TOO BLAND...

I THOUGHT ABOUT THE GAME DURING THE INVES-TIGATION.
IT'S A HABIT OF MINE AS A REFEREE PRESIDING OVER GAMES... YOU COJLD SAY IT'S IN MY NATURE TO DO SO...
AT ANY RATE...IT IS ONE OF KAKE-ROU'S DUTIES TO MAKE SURE THINGS GO SMOOTHLY.

So this is your personality.
VERY WELL!! THEN PLEASE LEND YOUR EARS TO ME.
ALTHOUGH THIS IS IMPROMPTU,
DO YOU THINK IF I, AS THE THIRD PARTY, DECIDED THE GAME, BOTH OF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME WITH-OUT ANY ILL FEELINGS?

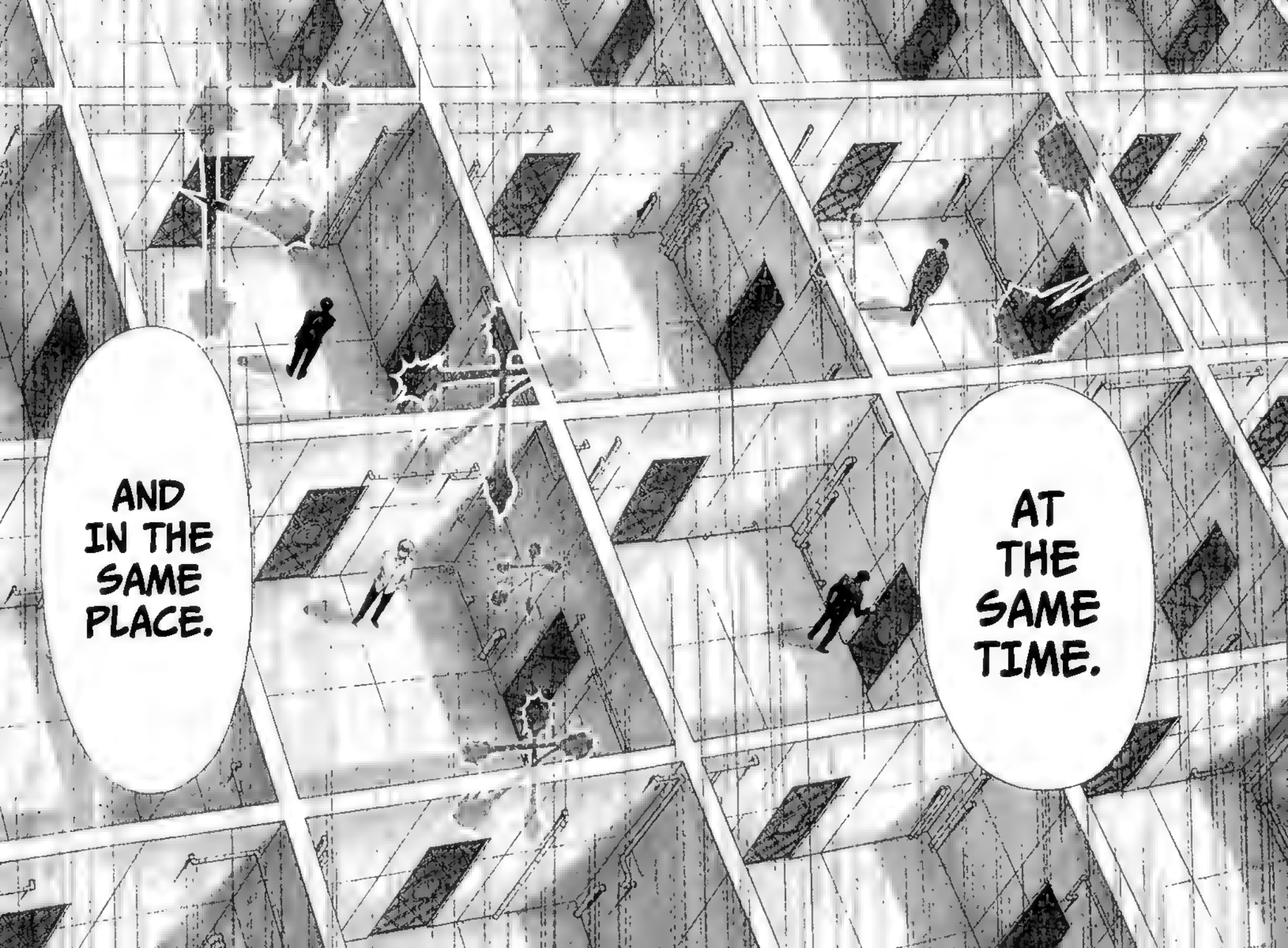

I WILL BE THE ONE TO CREATE IT.
THE LABY-RINTH,

BAKU-SAMA, MARCO-SAMA,

IT WILL BE THE FINEST LABY-RINTH.

AMAKO-SAMA, MINOWA-SAMA,

EACH ONE OF YOU WILL FACE AN INDIVIDUAL LABYRINTH.


AND IN THE SAME PLACE.
AT THE SAME TIME.

THERE WILL BE TIMES WHERE PLAYERS WILL ENCOUNTER EACH OTHER... IN THAT CASE,
OF COURSE, WHILE PLAYING,
...ONE PLAYER WILL BECOME AN OFFERING...
IT WILL BECOME... A JUNGLE!!
...TO THE MINOTAUR HIDING IN THE LABY-RINTH.

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Chapter 119:
Monster: Minotaur
THE MINOTAUR IS A FICTIONAL CREATURE THAT IS SEEN IN MYTHOLOGY.
IT'S A MONSTER THAT EATS THE HUMANS THAT VENTURE INTO THE LABYRINTH.
SIMILARLY, IN THIS GAME WHICH I INVENTED...
WHILE PLAYING THE GAME, ALL FOUR PLAYERS...
...WILL BECOME A MINO-TAUR.

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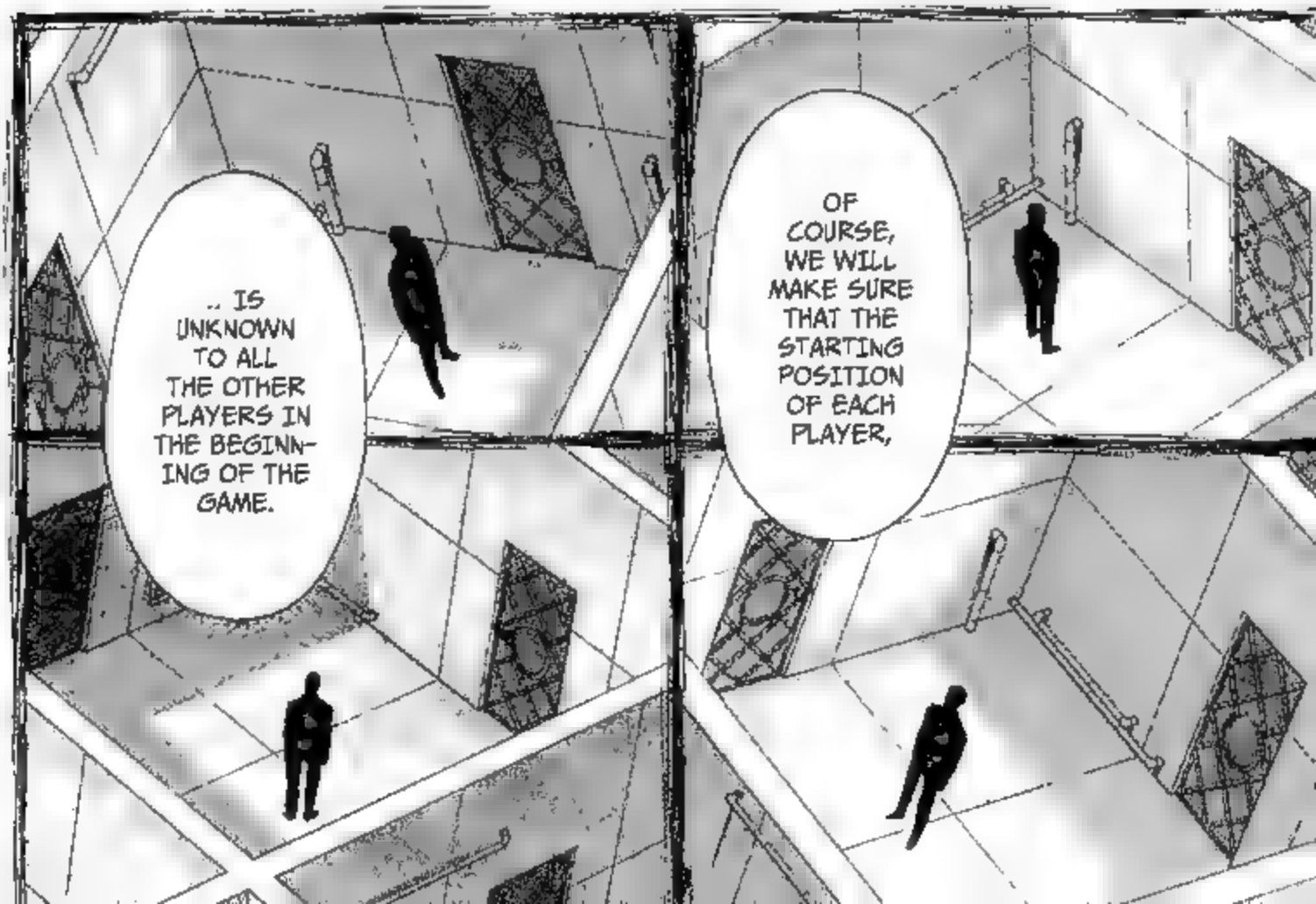
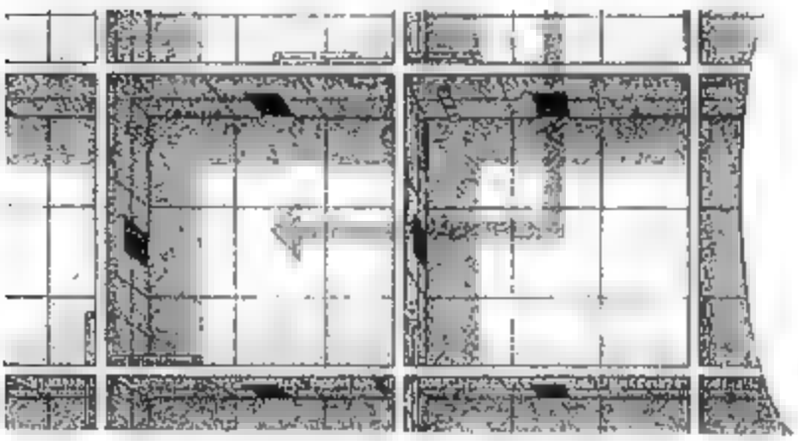
D
E
F
FIRST, THE FOUR PLAYERS
...WILL START IN ONE OF THE 36 ROOMS.
THESE DETAILS ABOUT THE MINOTAUR,
...WILL BECOME CLEAR AS I CONTINUE EXPLAINING THE CONTENTS OF THE GAME.

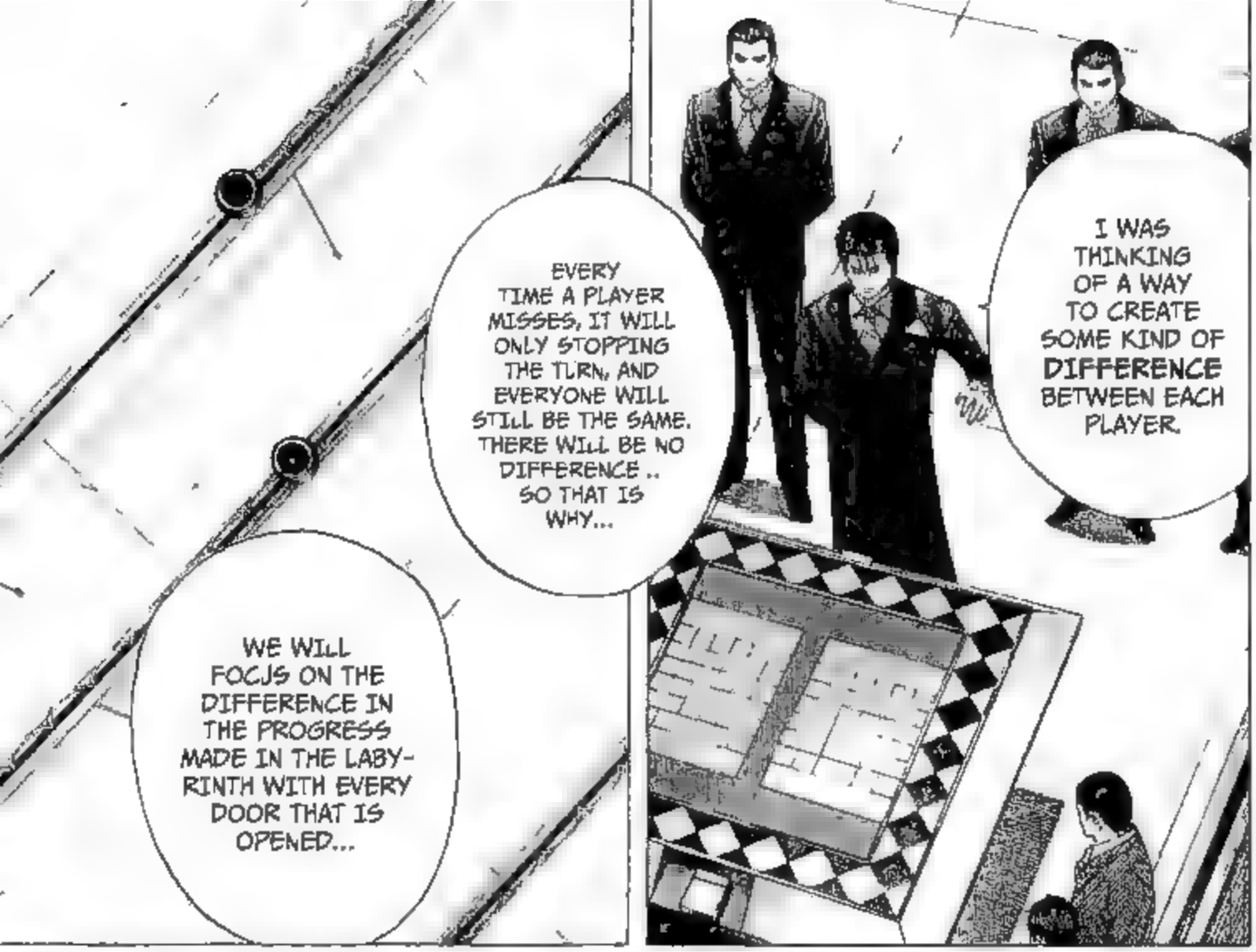

.. IS UNKNOWN TO ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME.
OF COURSE, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE STARTING POSITION OF EACH PLAYER,

AND LIKE I SAID EARLIER, I WILL CREATE EACH OF THE LABY-RINTHS,
USING MY INTEL-LIGENCE.
A FLAWLESS VICTORY... UNLESS THERE'S A MIRACLE, A PHENOMENON THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN.

THE TIME LIMIT FOR CHOOSING A DOOR IS 5 MINUTE PER ROOM. THE LOCKS WILL BE CHANGED BY US EVERY TIME THE PLAYER CHANGES
WE'LL FIRST DECIDE THE ORDER IN WHICH THE PLAYERS WILL PLAY, AND WHEN THAT PLAYER ENCOUNTERS A LOCKED DOOR, THERE'LL BE A CHANGE IN PLAYER.
HIS TURN WILL BE OVER.

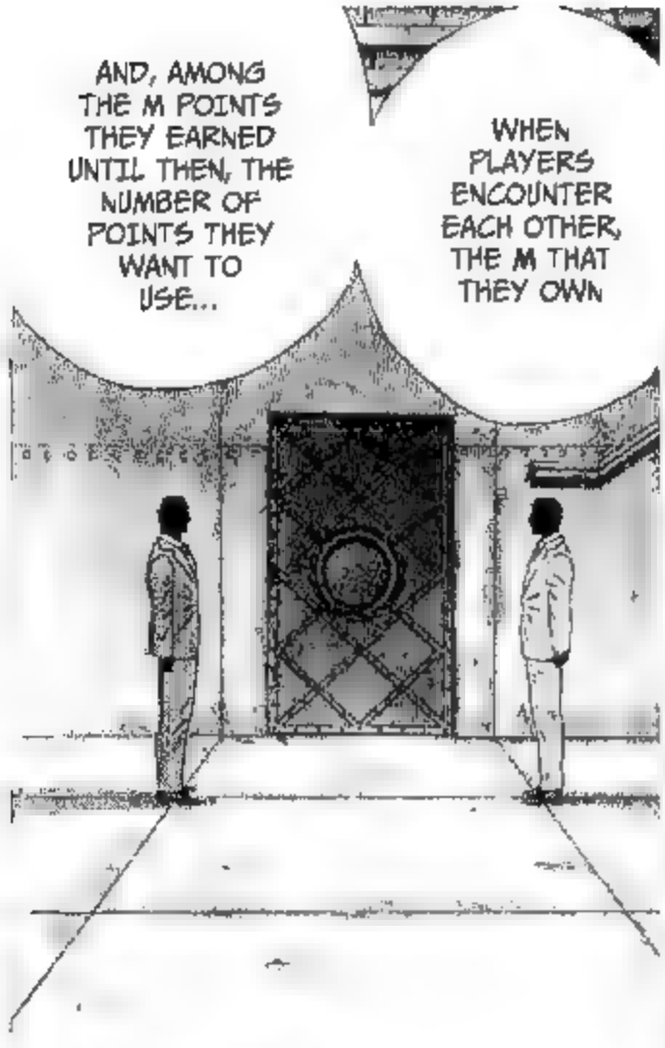


SINCE IT IS THE PLAYER'S TURN UNTIL THEY ENCOUNTER A LOCKED DOOR, IF THE PLAYER CONTINUES TO SELECT OPENED DOORS, HE CAN GET CLOSER TO THE GOAL MORE QUICKLY.

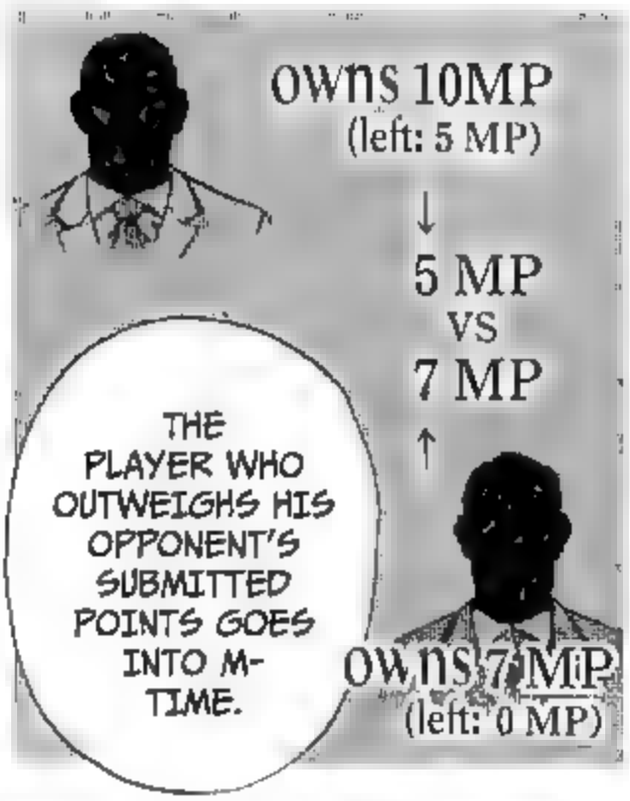

I WAS THINKING OF A WAY TO CREATE SOME KIND OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EACH PLAYER.
EVERY TIME A PLAYER MISSES, IT WILL ONLY STOPPING THE TURN, AND EVERYONE WILL STILL BE THE SAME. THERE WILL BE NO DIFFERENCE .. SO THAT IS WHY...
WE WILL FOCJS ON THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE LABY-RINTH WITH EVERY DOOR THAT IS OPENED...

A UNIT THAT IS GIVEN TO A PLAYER EVERY TIME HE OPENS A DOOR AND PROGRESSES...
M IS WHAT I THOUGHT OF...
FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE THAT A PLAY-ER MEETS AN ENEMY PLAYER IN THE LABY-RINTH...
DOING NOTHING TO THE ENEMY WHEN HE'S IN FRONT OF YOU WON'T BE SATISFYING.

BUT ALLOWING THE PLAYERS TO FIGHT THE WAY THEY WANT WOULD ALLOW SOME PLAYERS IN THE PAIR-UPS TO END THE GAME IMME-DIATELY.


AND, AMONG THE M POINTS THEY EARNED UNTIL THEN, THE NUMBER OF POINTS THEY WANT TO USE...
WHEN PLAYERS ENCOUNTER EACH OTHER, THE M THAT THEY OWN

THIS M...
OTHER THAN BEING AN ELEMENT OF THE GAME WHEN SOLVING THE LABY-RINTH,
WILL ALSO ADD A BIT OF BARGAINING INTO THE GAME.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THE PLAYER WHO OUTWEIGHS HIS OPPONENT'S SUBMITTED POINTS GOES INTO M-TIME.

...WILL BE TOLD TO US THROUGH THE INTER-COM GIVEN BEFORE-HAND.

I THINK 30 SECONDS IS A SUITABLE PERIOD FOR M-TIME..... IT'S FINE TO RUN AWAY, BUT COUN-TERATTACKING IS PROHIBITED.

IN CASE THE OPPONENT DIES, THE PLAYER CAN STEAL HIS REMAINING M POINTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE PLAYER WHO OUTWEIGHS HIS OPPONENT'S SUBMITTED M-POINTS...

HE CAN ONE-SIDEDLY ATTACK THE ENEMY.

...BECOMES THE MINOTAUR OF THIS LABYRINTH.
M, THAT STANDS FOR THE M OF MINOTAUR.

AMONG THE PLAY-ERS,
...AMONG THE FOUR PLAYERS, ANYONE CAN BECOME THE MINOTAUR.
THIS IS WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID

Don't look at me.
AT ANY COST.
...THE ONES WHO ARE WEAK AT VIOLENCE MUST PASS THROUGH THE DOORS AND EARN M-POINTS FASTER THAN THE OTHERS. AND THEY MUST WIN THE BARGAIN...

IN SOME CASES THREE... OR EVEN ALL FOUR PLAYERS MAY END UP IN THE SAME ROOM...AT THAT TIME, ADDITIONALLY, ALL THE M-POINTS WILL BE PRESENTED FROM THE PLAYERS...
AFTER M-TIME ENDS, THE LOSER WILL REST FOR ONE TURN... IF IT WAS DURING THE TURN OF THE LOSER, HIS TURN STOPS AT THAT ROOM AND HE WILL ALSO REST FOR THE NEXT TURN.

THE PLAYER WHO BECOMES THE MONSTER, ESCAPES THE MONSTER,
IN THE CASE THE PRESENTED M-POINTS ARE THE SAME, THE PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO JUST GO INTO A GENUINE FISTFIGHT.
...CONTINUES INTO THE LABYRINTH, AND REACHES THE GOAL THE FASTEST IS...
...THE WINNER.

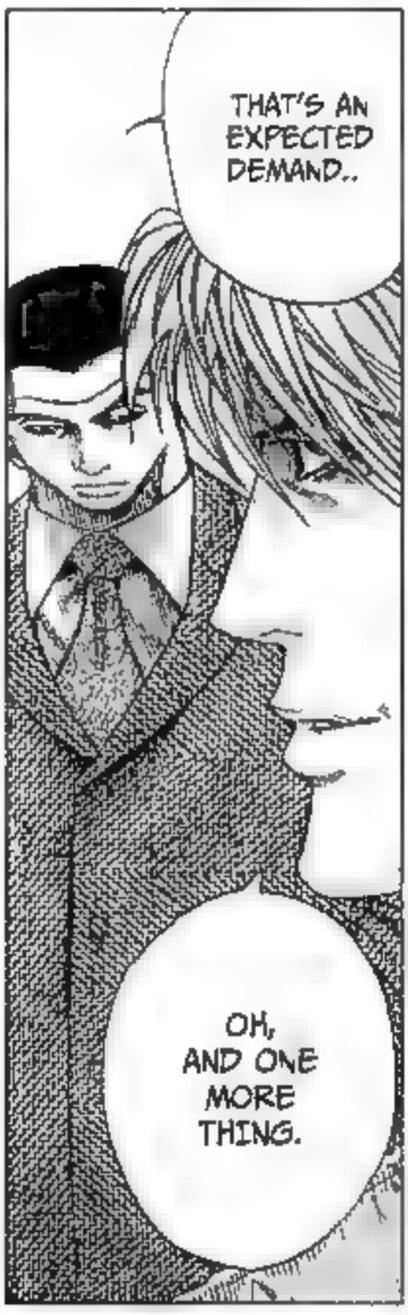
AS EXPECTED FROM A REFEREE... WELL...
IT'S AN INTERESTING GAME EVEN IF IT WAS MADE IMPROMPTU.
INTER-ESTING.

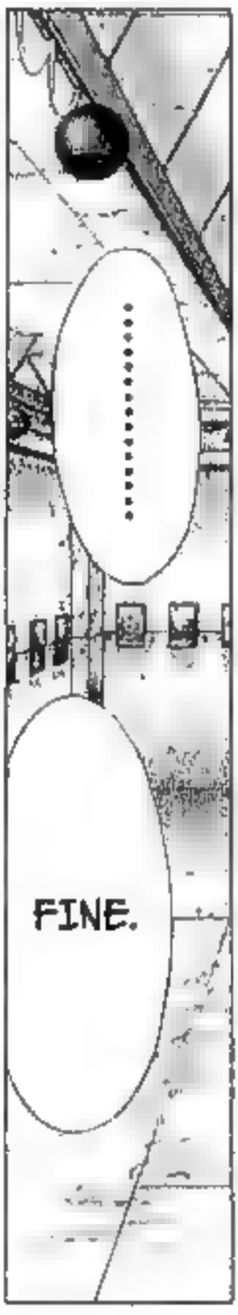
SEE... IF YOU LOOK AT ME, YOU'LL PROBABLY UNDERSTAND, BUT...
I DON'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THIS GAME, BUT... I HAVE 2 OR 3 PROPOSALS.

SO TO SPEAK... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT HE MIGHT TRY TO DO.
.....
HE DECEIVES GOOD PEOPLE AND DOESN'T HOLD BACK ON USING VIOLENCE.
THOSE PEOPLE—

HE BOLDLY LIES WITH A PLACID FACE: A MAN YOU CAN'T TRUST.
RIGHT NOW... I'M WORRIED HE MIGHT DO SOMETHING STRANGE TO ME...
FIRST OFF, YOU TWO...
.. WOULD BE TROUBLED IF, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESIDING OVER THIS GAME,
... KAKEROU, WERE TO MEDDLE. TO US, WHO'RE IN ENEMY TERRITORY, KAKEROU IS OUR ONLY SAFETY INSURANCE.
I WANT YOU TO PROMISE THAT YOU WON'T EVEN TOUCH THEIR CLOTHES WITH ONE FINGER.
.....
I NEVER HAD THE INTENTION OF INVOLVING WITH KAKEROU FROM THE BEGINNING.
WHAT A STUPID PROPOSAL.
.....
IS THAT SO.

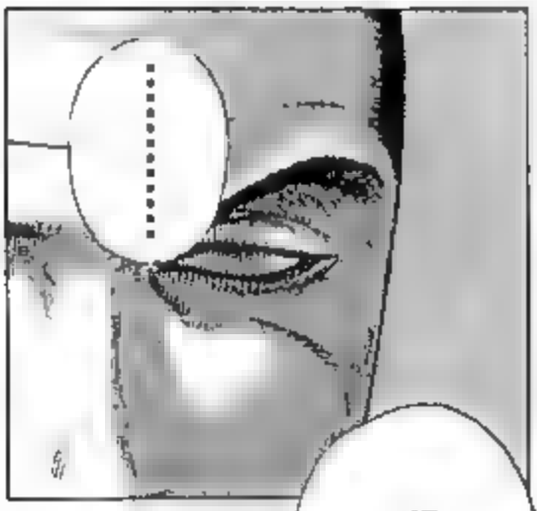
!
BY CONTACTING YOUR PARTNER DURING THE GAME, YOU MIGHT TRY TO CONTROL KAKEROU OR EVEN ME.
THEN FOR NOW, ALL PLAYERS WILL FORFEIT EVERYTHING FROM PERSONAL CELL-PHONES TO ANY OTHER KIND OF COMMUNICATION DEVICES.


THAT'S AN EXPECTED DEMAND..
OH, AND ONE MORE THING.


.....
FINE.

WELL,
...THAT'S HOW MUCH I DON'T TRUST YOU.

AND ISN'T THIS DEGREE OF FEELING MINIMAL DANGER A SMALL REQUI-REMENT, FOR A PEACEFUL IDIOT LIKE ME?



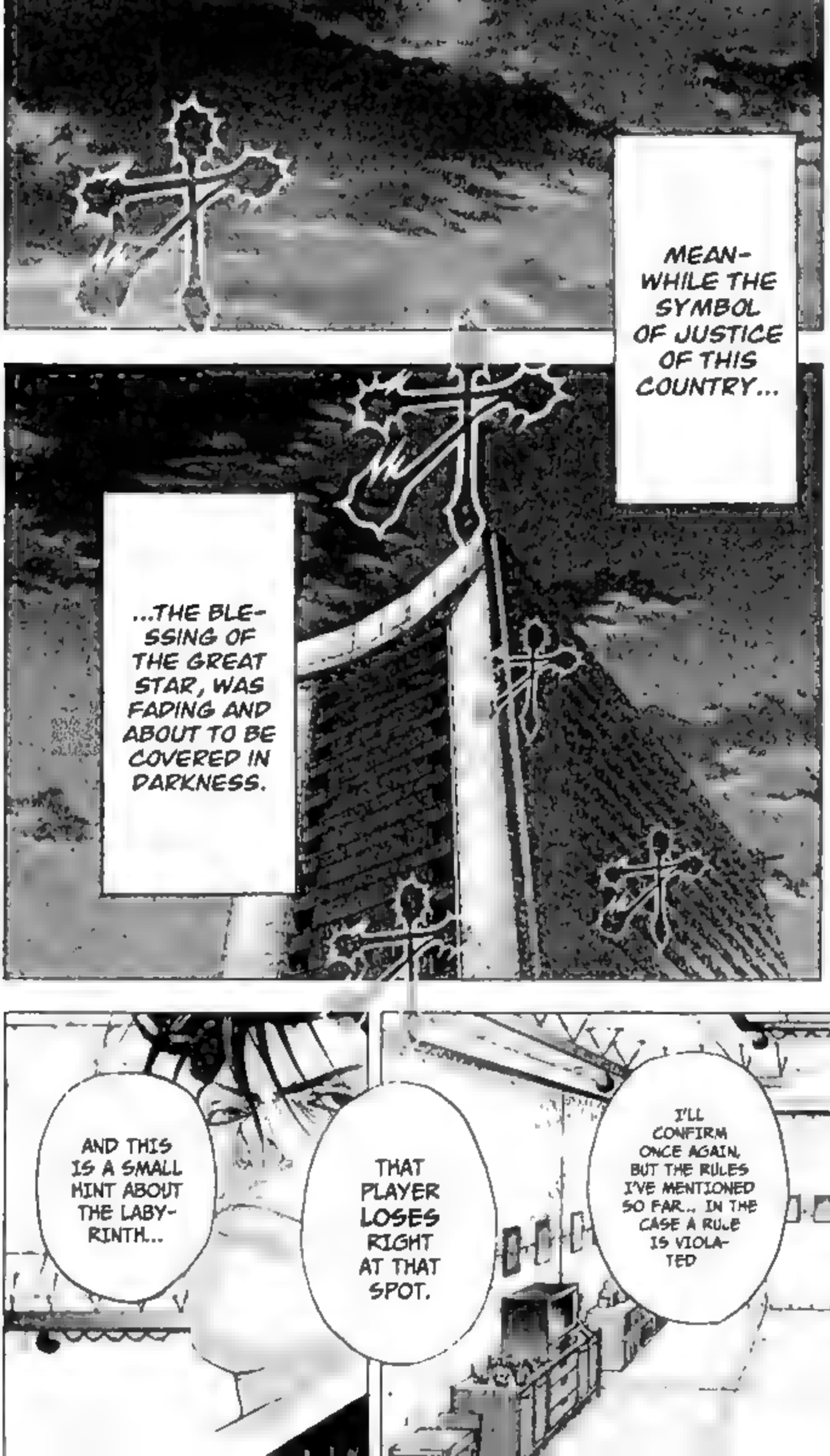
HE LIVES IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR.

HURRY UP AND THROW HIM IN THERE.

IS THERE A PLACE WHERE YUKKII CAN BE LEFT?

LEAVING HIM SLEEPING HERE LIKE THIS IS TOO MUCH.

AS THE TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME WAS GETTING CLOSER...
AFTER COLLECTING ALL COMMUNICATION DEVICES, EVERYONE WENT THROUGH A BODY CHECK JUST IN CASE
whisper
HEH...
THERE'S A WAY


MEAN-
WHILE THE
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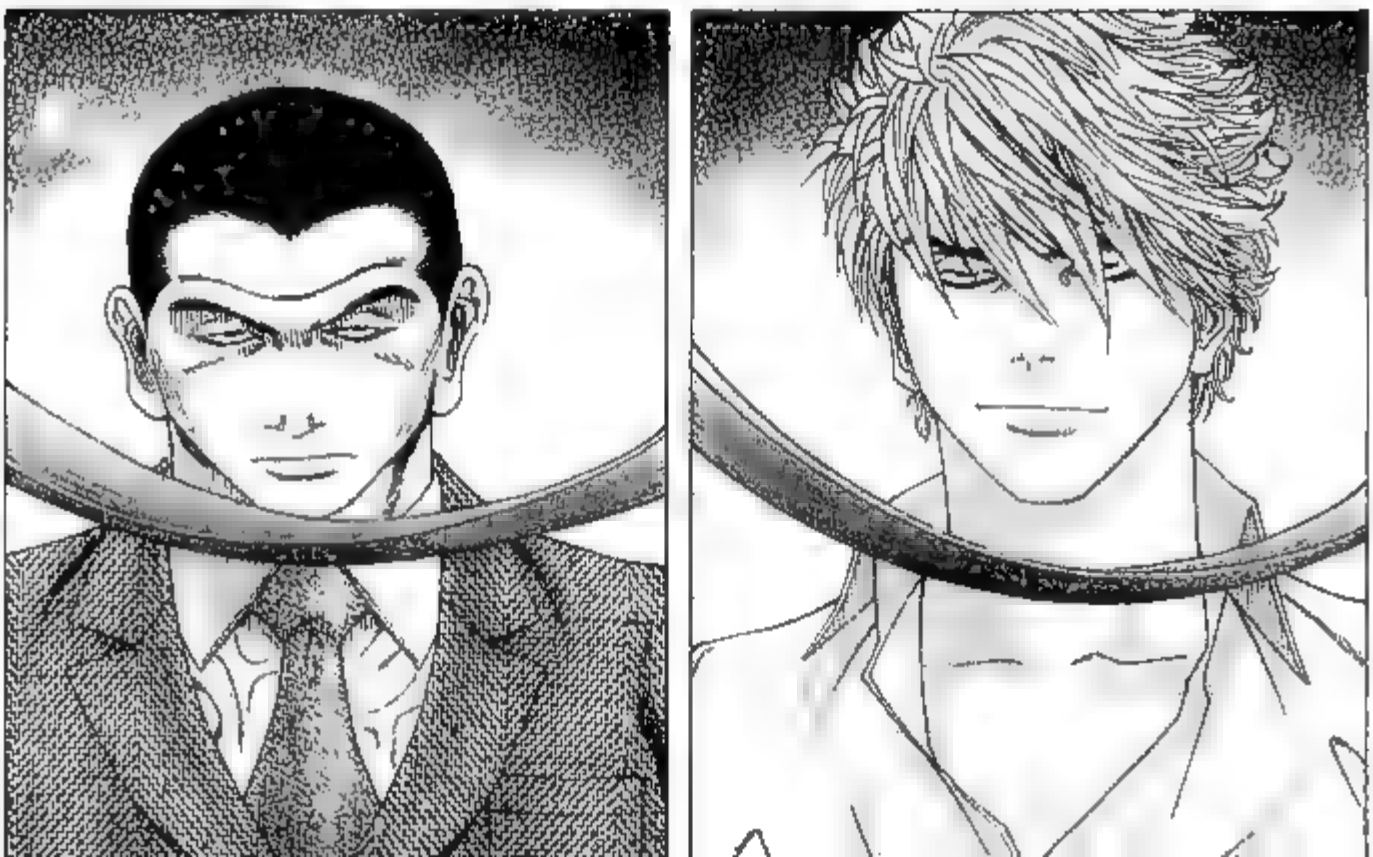
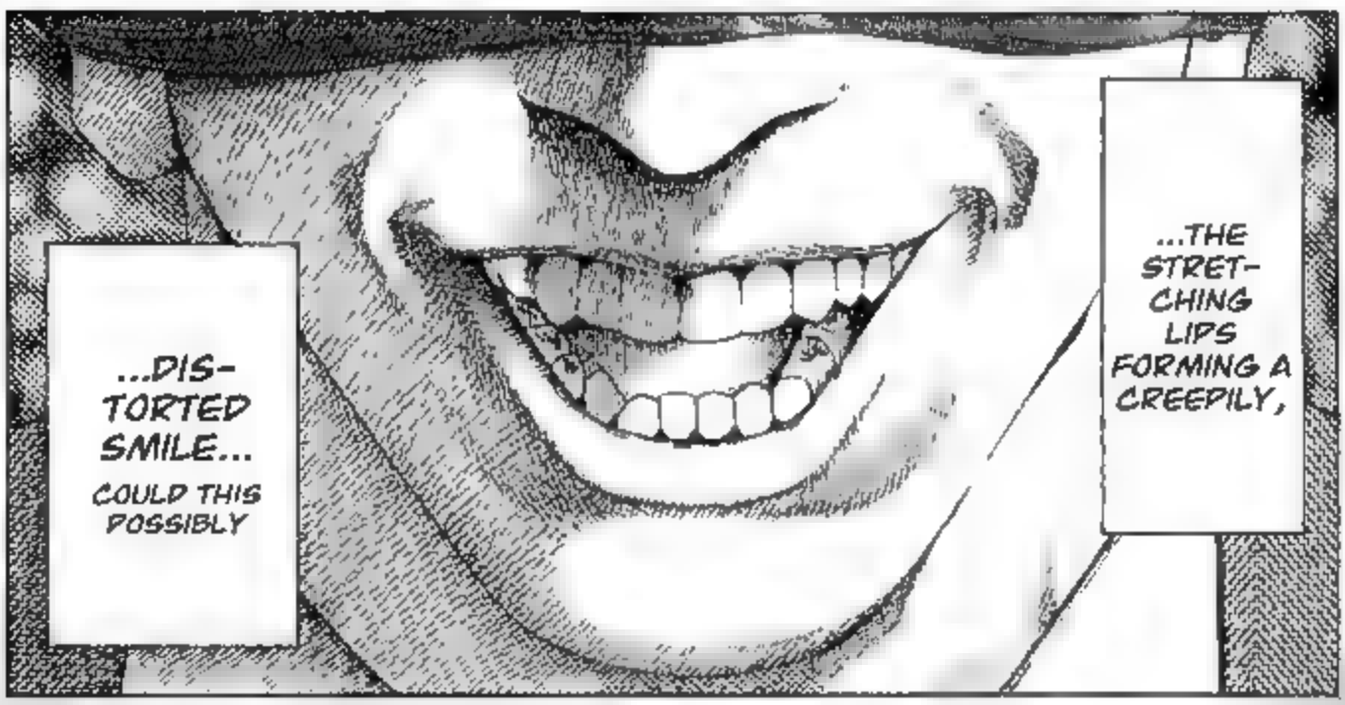
OF JUSTICE
OF THIS
COUNTRY...
...THE BLE-
SSING OF
THE GREAT
STAR, WAS
FADING AND
ABOUT TO BE
COVERED IN
DARKNESS.
AND THIS
IS A SMALL
HINT ABOUT
THE LABY-
RINTH...
THAT
PLAYER
LOSES
RIGHT
AT THAT
SPOT.
I'LL
CONFIRM
ONCE AGAIN,
BUT THE RULES
I'VE MENTIONED
SO FAR... IN THE
CASE A RULE
IS VIOLA-
TED

IT'S PROBABLY A CONFU-SING HINT, BUT I PRAY THAT THESE WORDS WILL HELP YOU DURING THE GAME...
MY LABYRINTHS ARE CREATED BASED ON A CERTAIN RULE.
IT WILL BE SET UP SO THAT ALL ROOMS WILL BE PASSED BASED ON THE SHORT-EST ROUTE POSSIBLE.
ONE CROSS.

EVERY-ONE WILL BE TAKEN TO THEIR STARTING POSITION.
NOW... PLEASE WEAR THESE BLIND-FOLDS



ON THE CHEEKS OF THE EXPRESSIONLESS MAN,
USOGUI SAW
RIGHT BEFORE THE DARKNESS SPREAD IN FRONT OF HIS EYES,


...DISTORTED SMILE...
COULD THIS POSSIBLY
...THE STRETCHING LIPS FORMING A CREEPILY,

...BE CAUSED FROM SEEING THIS FACE?

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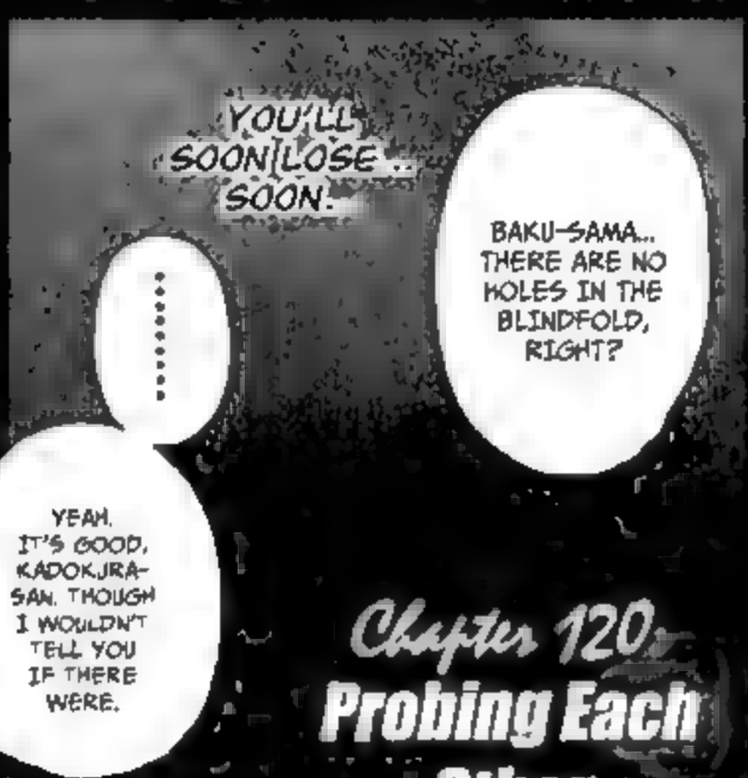
YOU'LL SOON LOSE... SOON.
BAKU-SAMA... THERE ARE NO HOLES IN THE BLINDFOLD, RIGHT?
.....
YEAH. IT'S GOOD, KADOKURA-SAN. THOUGH I WOULDN'T TELL YOU IF THERE WERE.

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.....
BEFORE WE DO THAT, WE WILL BE DECIDING THE ORDER THAT THE 4 OF YOU GOING TO PLAY IN.

.....
NOW EVERYONE WILL BE SENT TO THEIR STARTING POSITIONS.
WE WILL BE MONITORING THE GAME FROM A SEPARATE ROOM.

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SUGGES-TIONS?

THE BLINDFOLDS AND THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T KNOW WHAT THE ORDER IS MAY LIVEN UP THE GAME.
SO ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS, NO NEED FOR AN EXPLANATION.. THAT MAY BE QUITE INTER-ESTING.
THEN UNTIL THE ORDER FROM FIRST TO LAST IS DECIDED, EVERYONE WILL CONTINJE TO SHOOT THEIR HANDS OJT.

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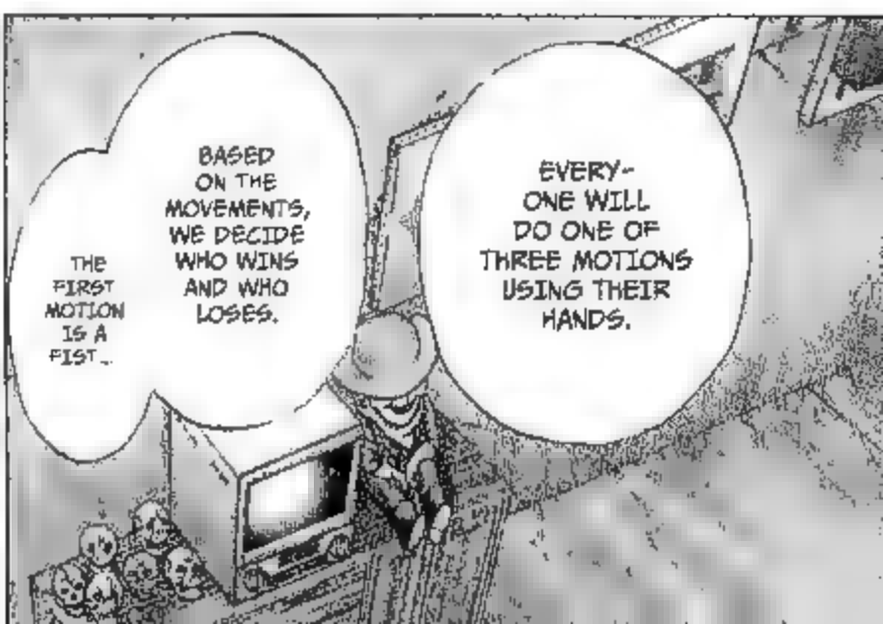
IT'S A FAIR WAY TO DECIDE, IN A WAY.
HOW ABOUT THIS?


THE FIRST MOTION IS A FIST.
BASED ON THE MOVEMENTS, WE DECIDE WHO WINS AND WHO LOSES.
EVERY-ONE WILL DO ONE OF THREE MOTIONS USING THEIR HANDS.

THE ORDER IS QUITE BALANCED. NOW...
VERY WELL. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED
SHOOT
SHOOT
1
2
scribble

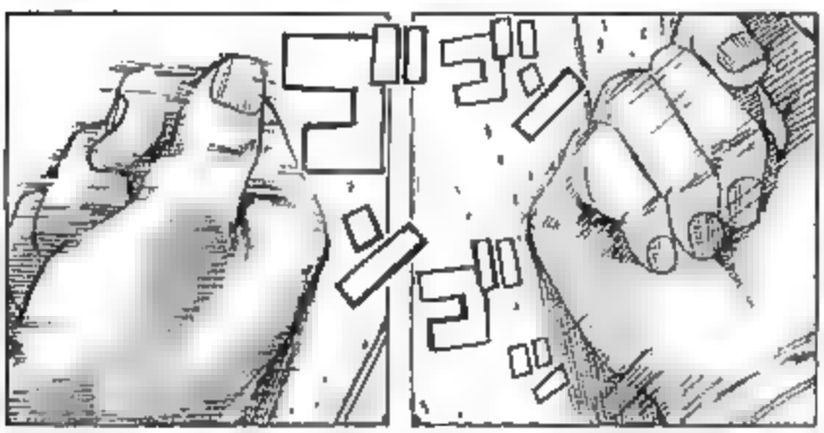
USOGUI BAKU
VS
THE LABY-RINTH GAME...
...THAT HAS A BET ON THE L-FILE AND 1.1 BILLION...
AMAKO SEIICHI

...WILL
NOW
START.

FULL
Please go ahead and take off your blindfolds...
.....
Can you hear me?
!

YOU'RE MINOWA.
.....
HEH...
HE REALLY MADE FUN OF US, THAT REGENT... HEHEHEH.
HE HEH.
.....

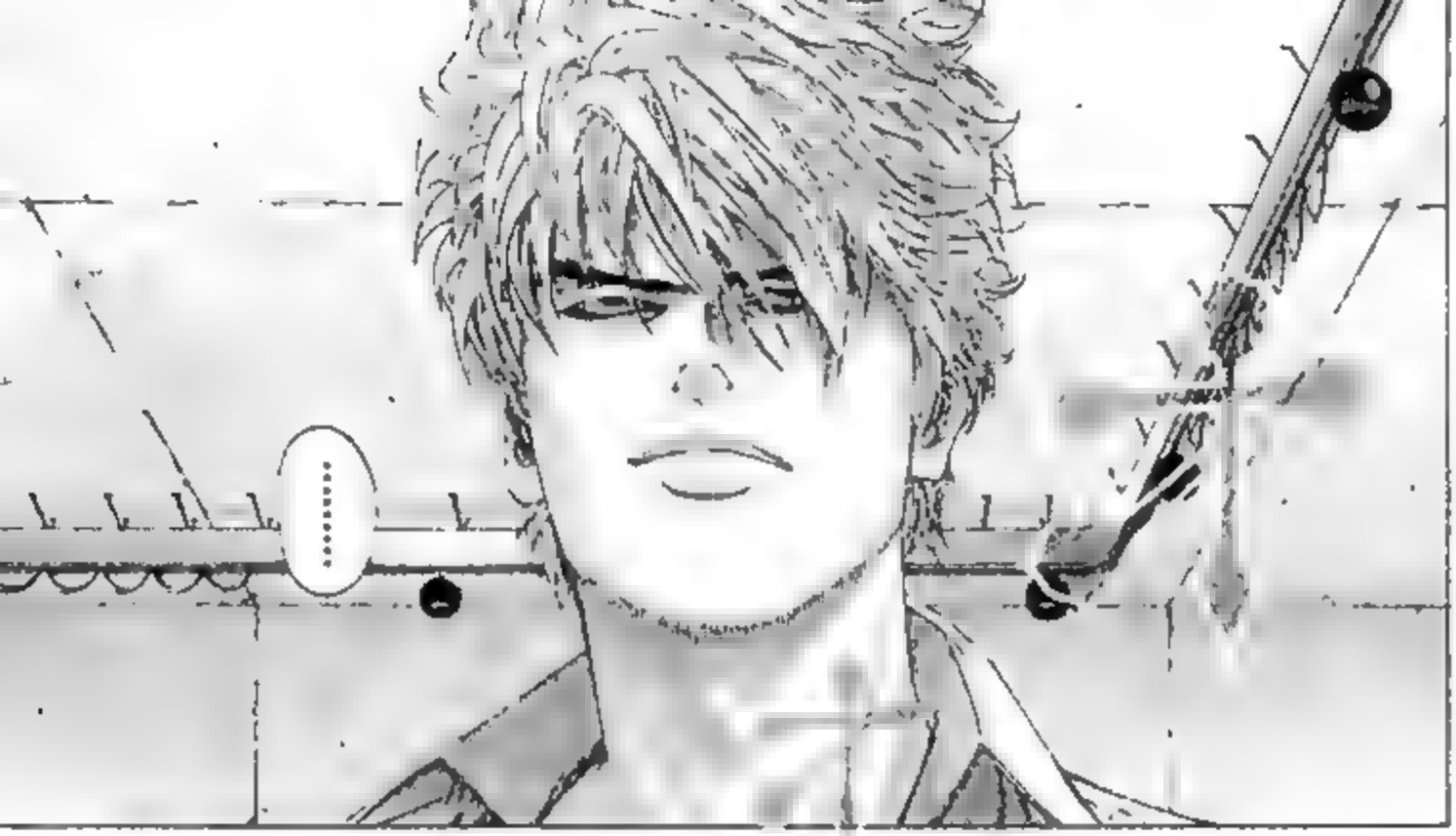
WELL, THIS ACTUALLY MAKES IT FAVORABLE FOR ME.
THERE ISN'T A MEANING TO ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS ANYMORE—
WHAT HAPPENED TO STARTING EVERYONE FROM SEPARATE ROOMS? HE'S ONE DESPICABLE BASTARD.



NOW, I WONDER WHICH ROOM THIS IS..
THE TIME LIMIT IS 5 MINUTES...

MI...
MINOWA.. TELL ME THE POSITIONS AND SHAPES OF THE PIPES IN THIS ROOM.
I GUESS YOU CAN FIND OUT IF IT'S A CORNER ROOM OR NOT BY HITTING THE WALLS LIKE THIS.

...IS MOST LIKELY NOT A CORNER ROOM.
...I SEE...
MINOWA. THIS PLACE
HUH...
...out-side of M-Time...
...touching an enemy player is not allowed...
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
HOW?
Very well.
You probably already know this, but during the game,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OUR SIDE HAS MORE OF AN AD-VANTAGE COMPARED TO THOSE GUYS, WHO DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS FACILITY.
I CAN GUESS THE ROOM BASED ON THE NUMBERAND POSITION OF THE PIPES.
MINOWA, I DIDN'T TELL YOU THIS, BUT I'M ACTUALLY FAMILIAR WITH THIS PLACE.

IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE ME TO PLAY A GAME WITHOUT ELIMINATING THE ODDS OF LOSING.

ALL THE DOORS IN THAT ROOM HAD...
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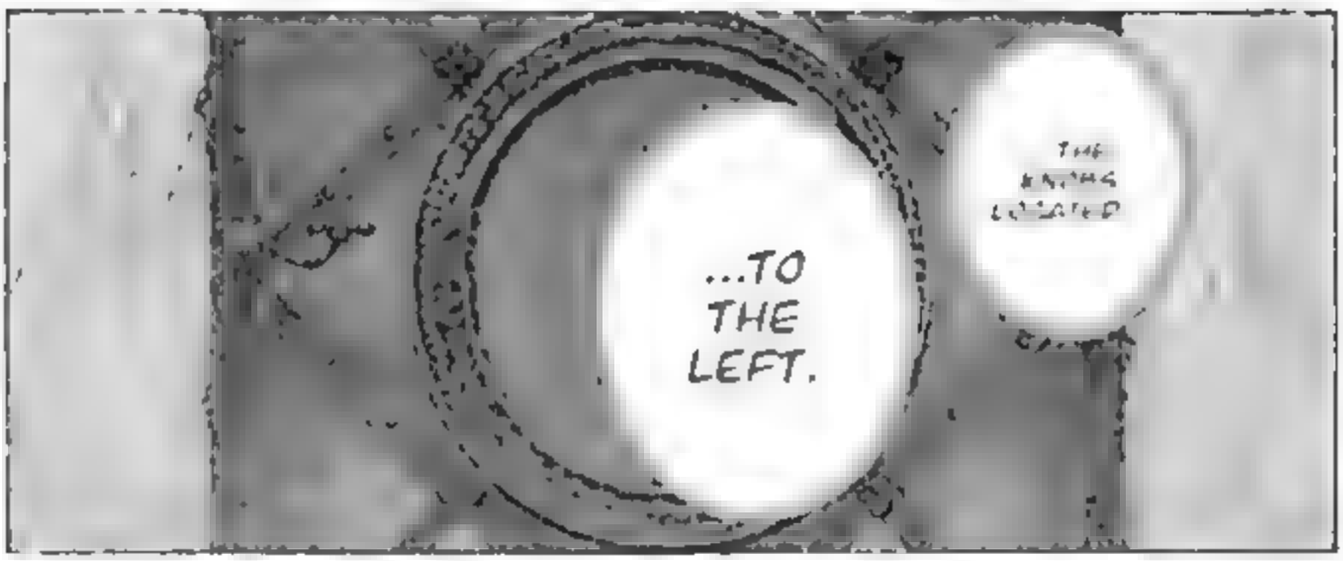

...TO THE LEFT.

SHOULD HAVE ALL THEIR KNOBS TO THE RIGHT.
MEANING... STRUCTURALLY, THE DOORS OF

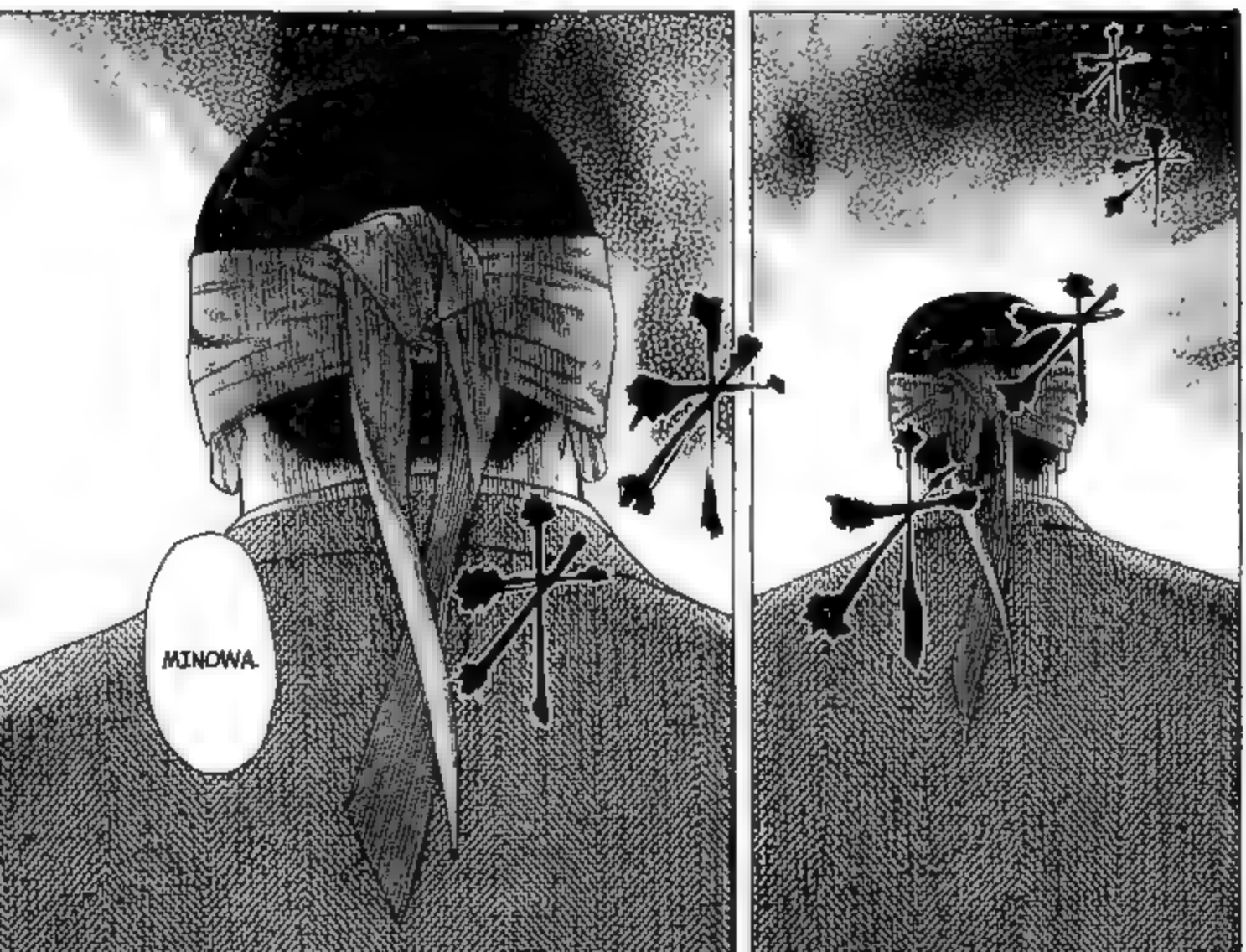
1 2 3 4 5 6
A
B
C
D
E
F
RIGHT
LEFT
...IN ONE OF 18 ROOMS.
THE DOORS OF THIS ROOM HAVE KNOBS ON THE LEFT.. MEANING I AM .

I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THESE KINDS OF THINGS.
...WHERE SHOULD I GO TO NOW?
SO...

ALSO, MINOWA... IT'S ABOUT KADOKURA'S HINT... DID YOU THINK OF ANYTHING?
GO THROUGH ONE OF THOSE TWO.
IT'S ONLY A HUNCH BUT THROUGH THE DOOR I'M FACING RIGHT NOW, OR THROUGH THE DOOR TO RIGHT...
I GAVE UP ON IT.
A CROSS OR WHAT NOT
OH, THAT. ...I DON'T KNOW AT ALL...
...HOW IS THAT GOING?
BY THE WAY,
WELL, FOR NOW, I'LL TRY GOING....

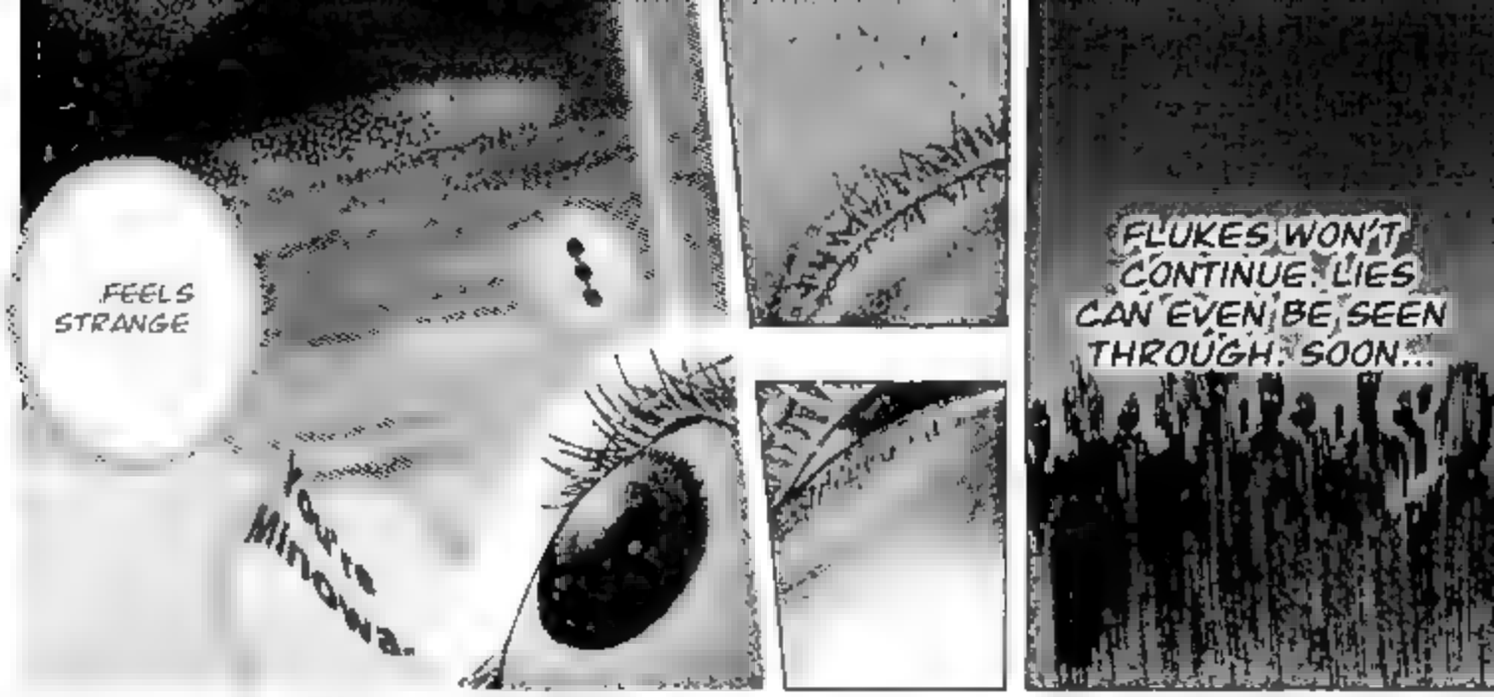
HE THREW IT SNEAKILY AND GRACE-FULLY...
...AS A PROBE...
...DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT 'THAT' WAS.
OF COURSE, USOGUI

.....
THEN IT WAS A PROBE THAT WOULD DISCLOSE THAT.
IF THERE WAS SOMETHING ONLY MINOWA AND AMAKO KNEW ABOUT...


MINOWA

WHEN YOU SAY THAT, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HOW, A LITTLE WHILE AGO,
...USOGUI'S COMPANION WAS ELIMIN-ATED?

BEFORE MY CELLPHONE WAS COLLECTED, I WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT IT BY CHANCE, SO I COULDN'T TELL YOU EARLIER.
I GUESS IT'S MORE ACCURATE TO SAY HE'S ON THE VERGE OF DYING. HIS NAME IS KAJI...I FOUND THAT OUT EARLIER FROM KURISU...
YOU CAN EASILY IMAGINE IT, BUT THOSE TWO ARE APPARENTLY FRIENDS... SO HE CAN PROBABLY BE USED AS A DISTRACTION.
30 seconds remaining.
Baku-sama ..
.....
SEE, IT WON'T CONTINUE... NOT FOREVER

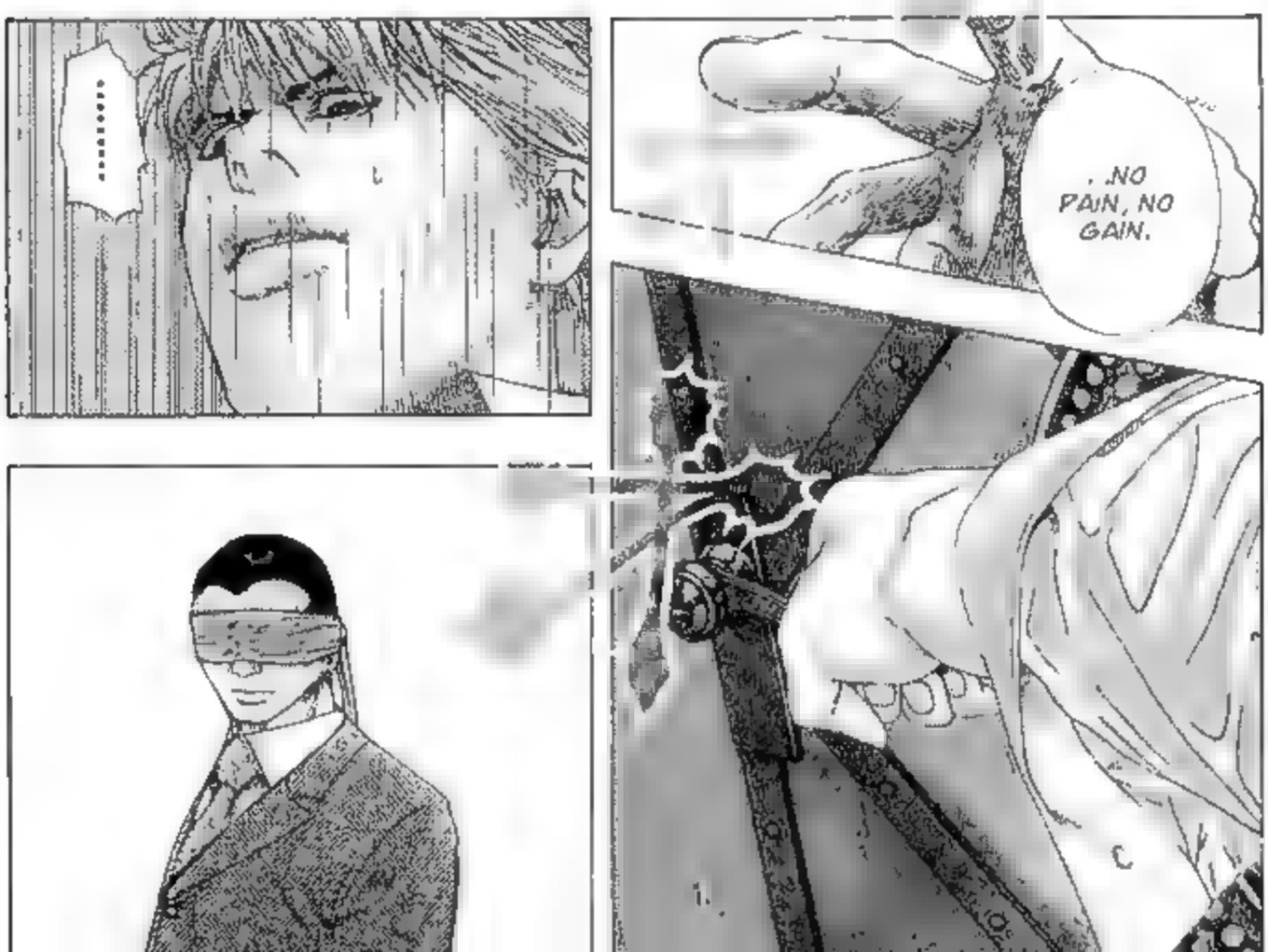

FEELS STRANGE
Yours is Minowa.
FLUKES WON'T CONTINUE. LIES CAN EVEN BE SEEN THROUGH. SOON...

...is most likely not a corner room.
HERE HERE, TOO

THIS IS.. ALSO..... A LIE.
Our side has more of an advantage compared to those guys, who don't have any of the info
I can guess the room based off the number and position of the lines.
Hmm. I didn't tell you this, but I'm actually familiar with this place.
When you say that, are you talking about how, a little while ago,
Usogui's companion was eliminated?
It wouldn't be like me to play a game without eliminating the odds of losing

ISN'T THE TIME GOING TO BE OVER SOON?
MI NOWA
Bakj-sama,
10 seconds remaining.
YES... THIS GUY

...IN THESE 2 DIRECTIONS... AND "THIS PLACE IS NOT A CORNER ROOM" IS A LIE.
HE WAS TRYING TO LEAD ME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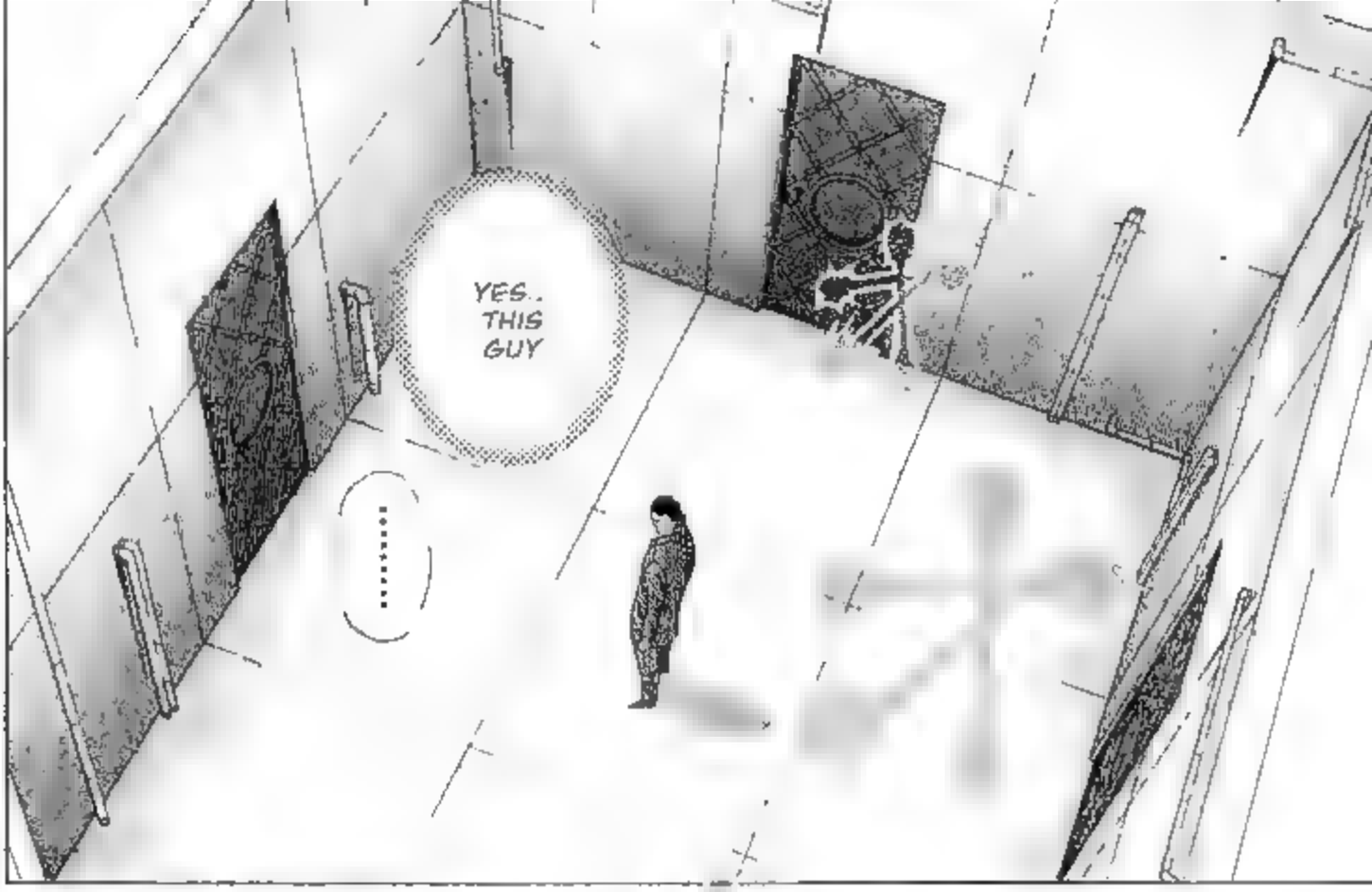
...NO PAIN, NO GAIN.


YES. THIS GUY
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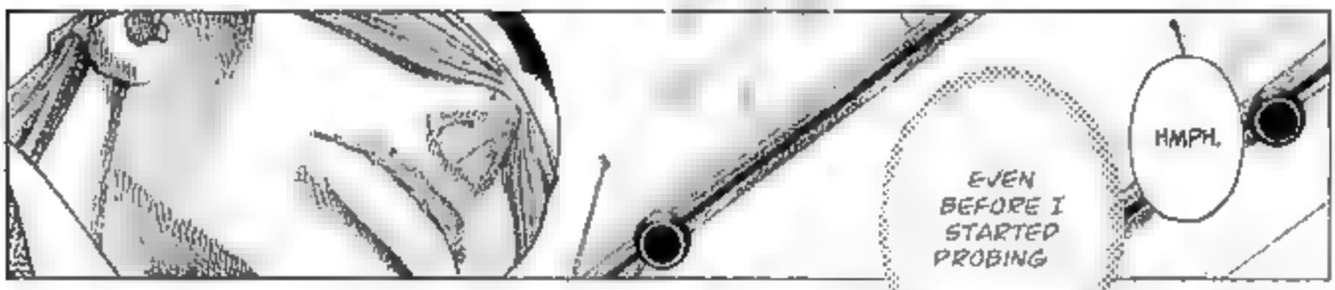
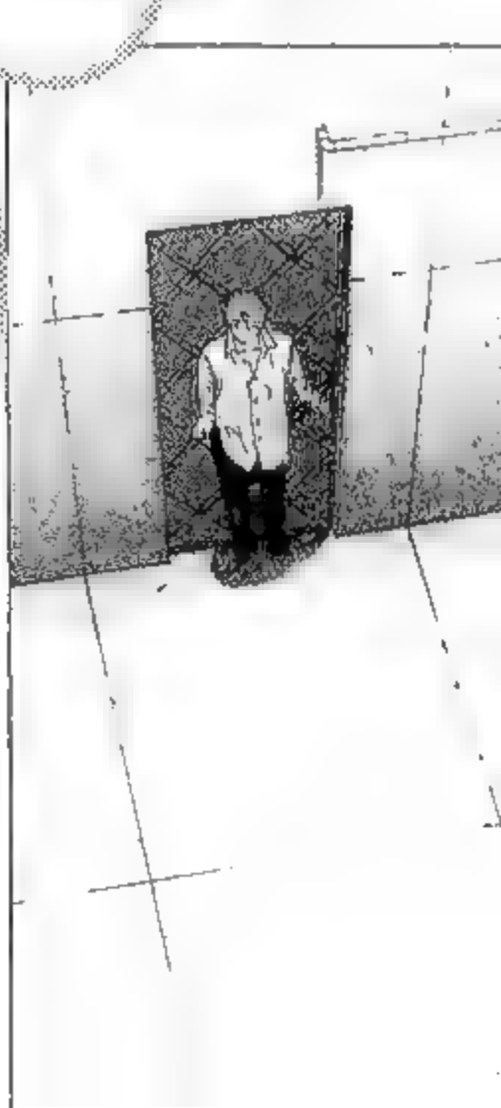

HMPH.
EVEN BEFORE I STARTED PROBING

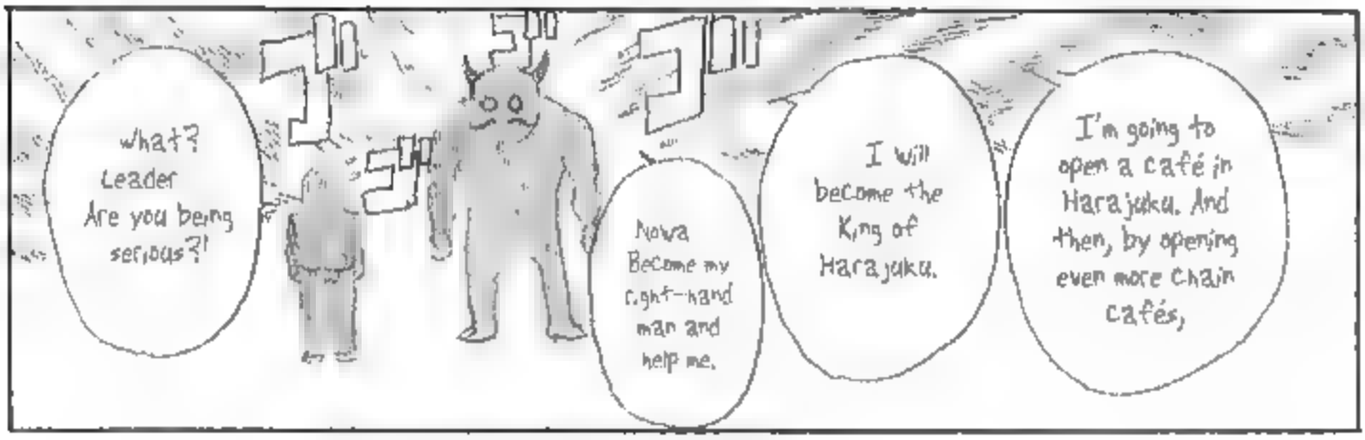
...HE SOMEHOW REALIZED I WASN'T MINOWA, AND ACTUALLY...
EVEN BEFORE I MADE ANY SUSPICIOUS REMARKS...
...PRETENDED TO BE DECEIVED.

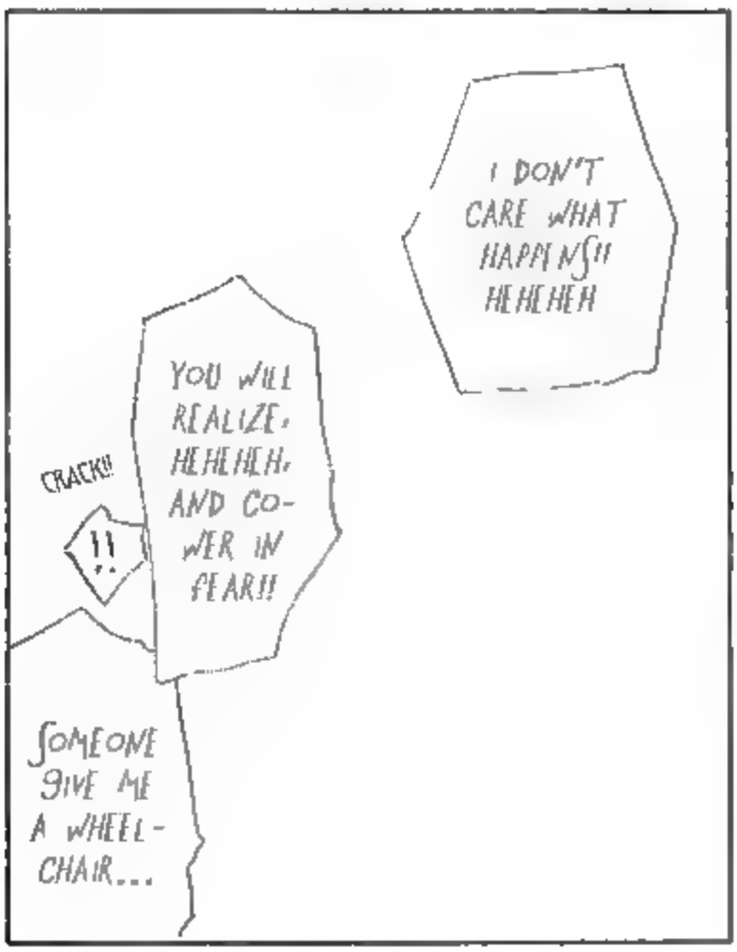


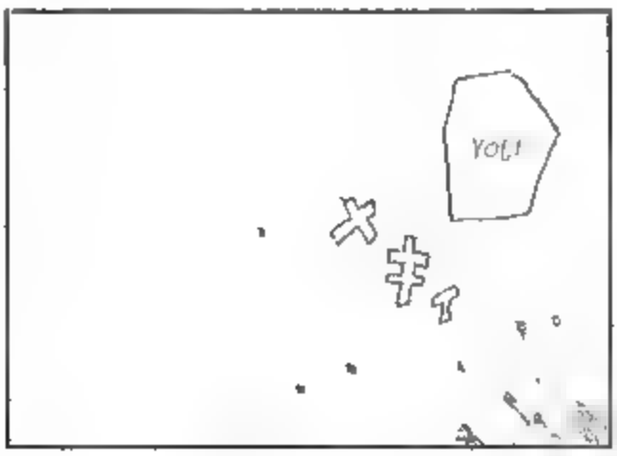
The Debt Collector

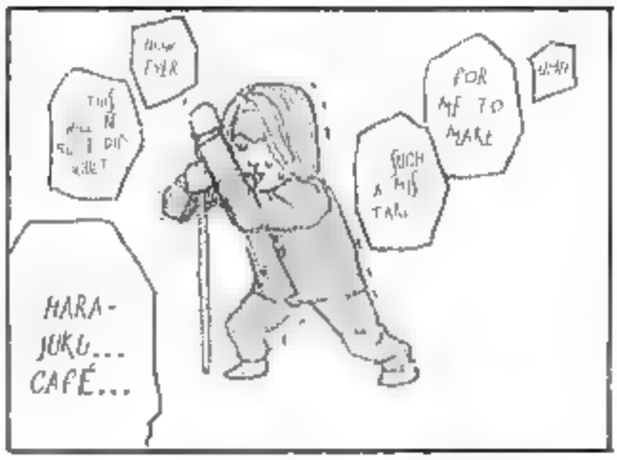
USOGUI EXTRA

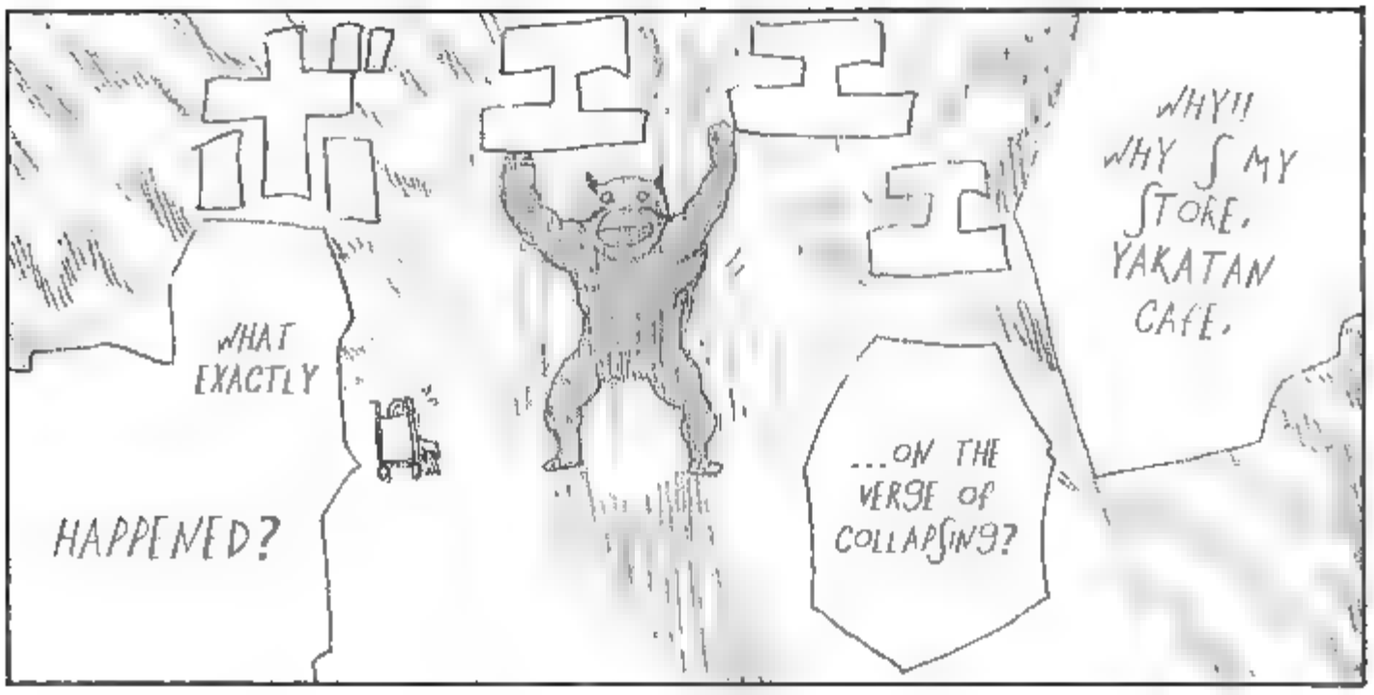
Yakou Hikoichi

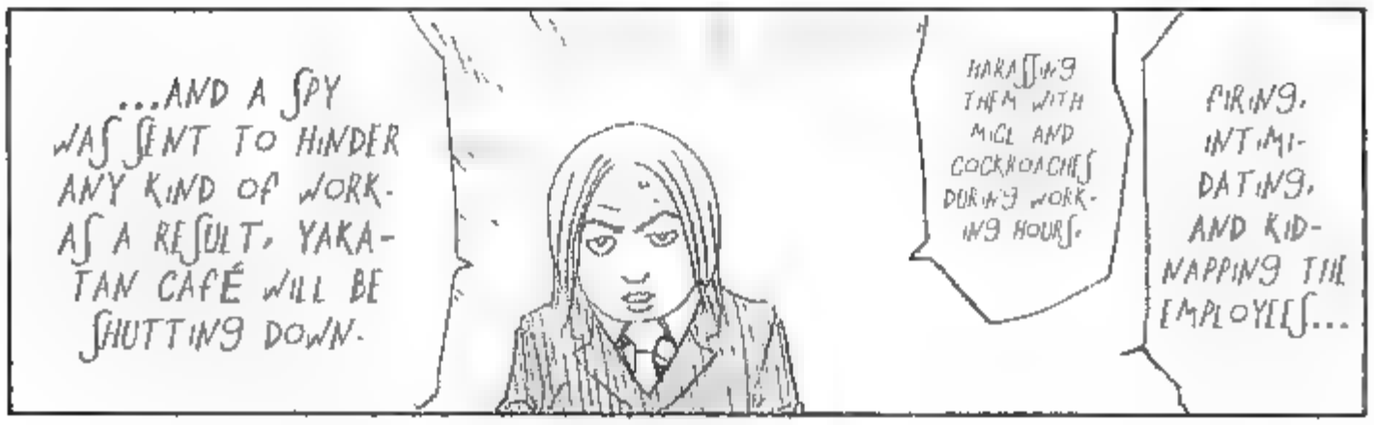

What? Leader Are you being serious?!
Nowa Become my right-hand man and help me.
I will become the King of Harajuku.
I'm going to open a café in Harajuku. And then, by opening even more chain cafés,

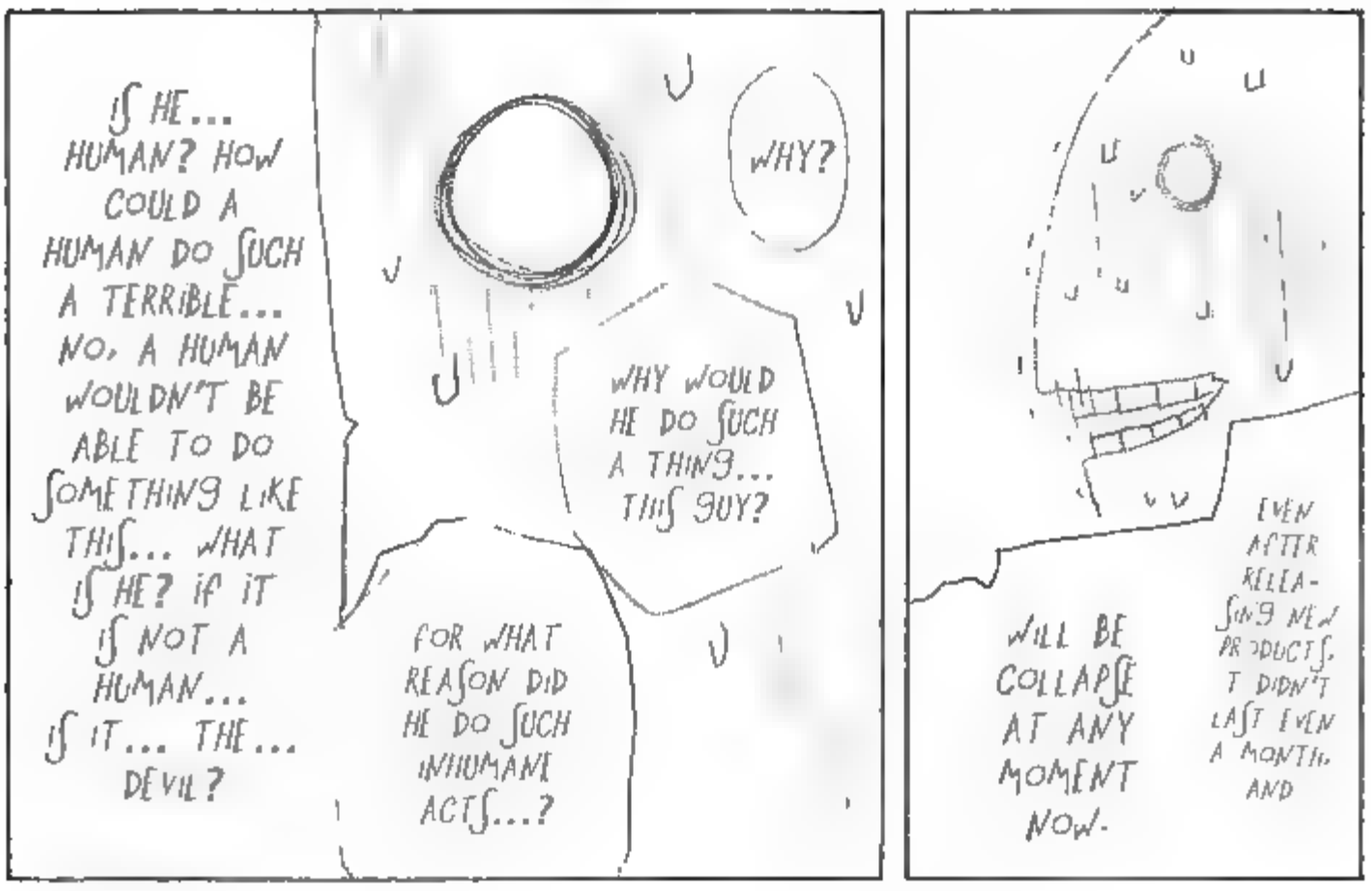


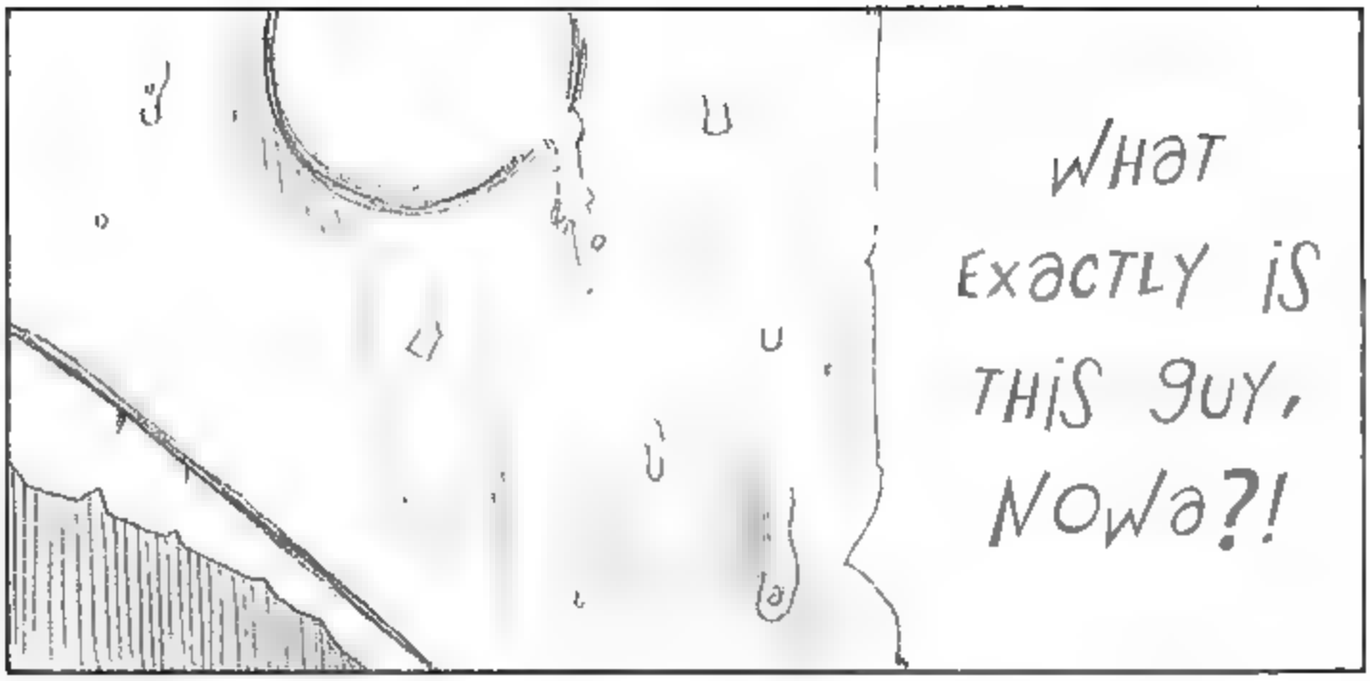


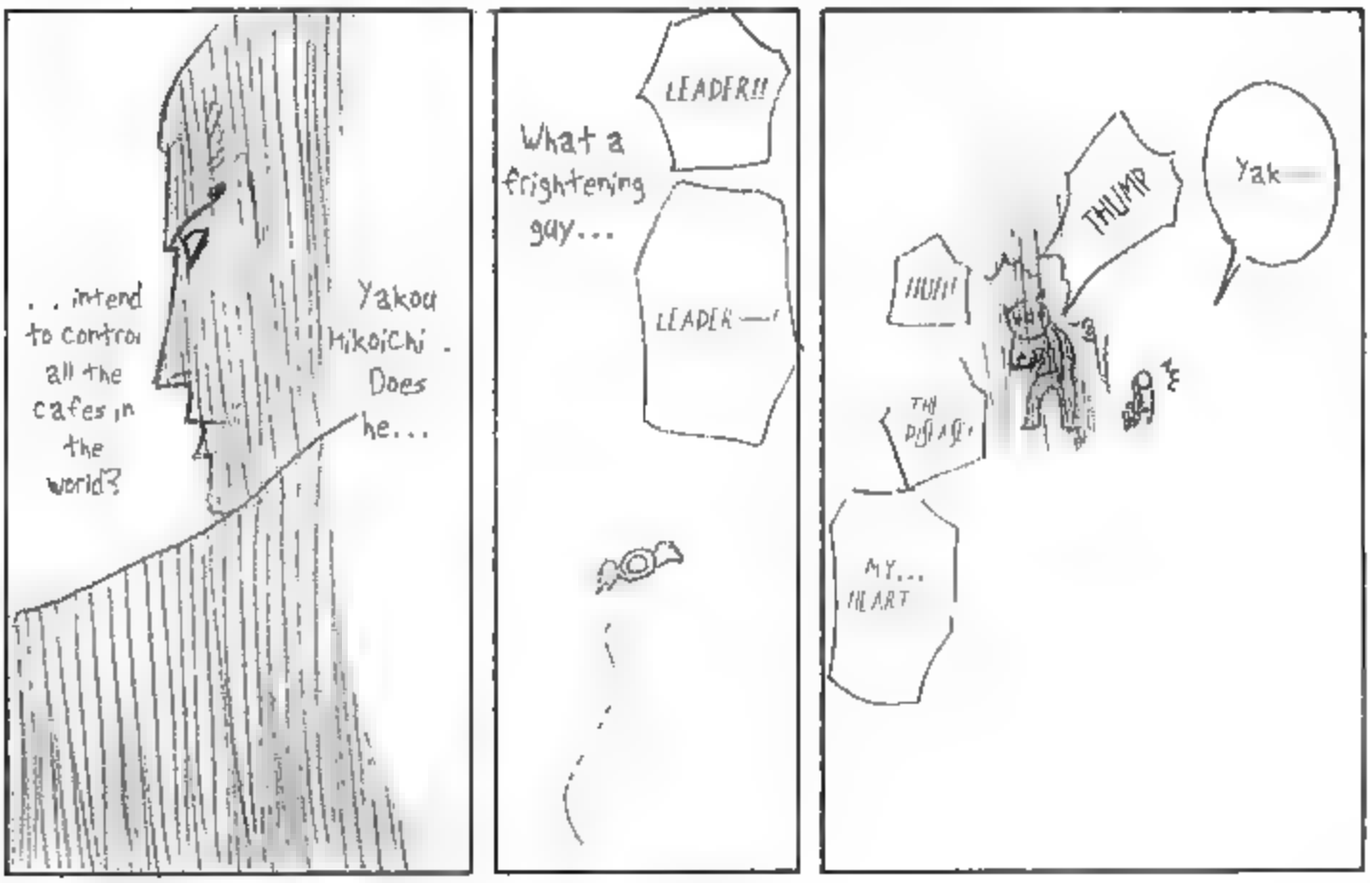



WHY!! WHY ∫ MY ∫TORE, YAKATAN CAFE.
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED?
...ON THE VER∃E of COLLAP∫IN∃?


...AND A ∫PY WA∫ ∫ENT TO HINDER ANY KIND of WORK. A∫ A RE∫ULT, YAKATAN CAFÉ WILL BE ∫HUTTIN∃ DOWN.
HARA∫∫IN∃ THEM WITH MI∃L AND COCKROACHE∫ DURIN∃ WORKIN∃ HOUR∫.
FIRIN∃, INTIMIDATIN∃, AND KIDNAPPIN∃ THE EMPLOYEE∫...


I∫ HE... HUMAN? HOW COULD A HUMAN DO ∫UCH A TERRIBLE... NO, A HUMAN WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ∫OMETHIN∃ LIKE THI∫... WHAT I∫ HE? IF IT I∫ NOT A HUMAN... I∫ IT... THE... DEVIL?
WHY?
WHY WOULD HE DO ∫UCH A THIN∃... THI∫ ∃UY?
FOR WHAT REA∫ON DID HE DO ∫UCH INHUMANE ACT∫...?
WILL BE COLLAP∫E AT ANY MOMENT NOW.
EVEN AFTER RELEA∫IN∃ NEW PRODUCT∫, T DIDN'T LA∫T EVEN A MONTH, AND





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USOGUI SIDE STORY

DEBT COLLECTOR YAKOU HIKOICHI

HUH? LEADER... IS YOUR HEAD OK!?

NOWA... WORK FOR ME...

I WILL BECOME THE KING OF HARAJUKU!

I'M GOING TO OPEN A CAFE IN HARAJUKU, AND THEN OPEN CHAIN STORES.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN ANYMORE... HEHEHE...

CRACK

!!

YOU WILL TASTE... HEHEHE... THE TRUE FEAR!

SOME... SOME ONE... GIVE ME A WHEEL-CHAIR...

YOU BASTARD!

CRACK

BY THE WAY,

THIS WILL BE FUCKED UP.

SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT...

WHY WOULD I...

UGH!

HARA-JUKU... CAFE...

WHAT THE HELL...

IS WRONG WITH HARAJUKU!!

WHY!! WHY WAS MY STORE, *YAKATAN-CAFE,

DESTROYED COMPLETELY!

*"LEADER" IN JAPANESE IS "YAKATA", YAKATAN=YAKATA+TAN.

AND SPIES WERE SENT WITHIN OUR STORE, DOING LOTS OF WORK. THAT'S WHY YAKATAN CAFE WAS DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY.

AND RATS AND COCKROACHES WERE PLANTED IN THE STORE.

OUR STAFF MEMBERS WERE HEADHUNTED, ABDUCTED, AND INTIMIDATED.

IS HE EVEN... A HUMAN? HOW CAN A HUMAN DID SUCH INHUMAN THINGS... NO, A HUMAN CAN NEVER DO THAT... WHAT IS HE? HE'S NOT A HUMAN... IS... IS HE A DEVIL?

WHY?

WHY WOULD SOMEONE DO THIS KIND OF THING...

WHY WOULD HE DO SUCH AN INHUMAN DEED...

CLACK CLACK CLACK

EVERY TIME I OPENED ANOTHER STORE, IT WOULD BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY.

WHO THE HELL IS THAT GUY, NOWAAAA!!

LEADER... THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THAT MAN IS...

HEHEHE, YOU DESERVE IT! YOU TWO BETTER DESTROY EACH OTHER...

YAKOU HIKOICHI ..... DOES HE WANT TO DOMINATE ALL THE CAFES IN THE WORLD!?

LEADER!!

LEADER—

WHAT A... HOR-RIBLE MAN...

THUMP

YAKO-

UGH!

MY... CHRONIC DISEASE...!

MY... MY HEART ...

WILL THIS CONTINUE? OI!!